

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, May 23, 2023

Patrick Williamson, Hilary Weeks, and Ben Gillett were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of May 9, 2023 were accepted as submitted.

FY23 Transfers

Hilary moved to approved year end transfers from General Highway to Winter Roads, Highway Salaries and Machinery Upkeep and from Vocational Tuition to Town Counsel, Building Operations, Fire Department Administrative Assistant, and Unemployment pursuant to Chapter 44:33B. The motion, seconded by ben, was unanimously approved. The transfers were approved by the Finance Committee on May 22, 2023.

Firefighters/Police Insurance

Patrick, in reference to a meeting of Fire Chiefs and Representative Lindsay Sabadosa, MEMA, and VFIS, stated no significant progress was made. Does the Board want to approve the FY24 coverage with VFIS adding Highway Department Employees to the roster? The Board has not yet heard from MIIA in regard to the cost of firefighter/police coverage. Hilary recommended holding off on signing with VFIS until comparison with MIIA is available. Patrick noted while costs and coverage is understood questions about what isn't covered hasn't been answered. The need for mutual aid for both fire and police was discussed. Insurance coverage for mutual aid response is covered by the sending town.

Other Business

A draft job description for the Executive Assistant position was submitted for the Board's review. Hilary Weeks, Paula King, Judy Cole, and Roberta Wooldridge worked together in formulating the document. Hilary agreed to fine tune additional edits to ensure the Select Board is involved in hiring.

Text for a by-law for the removal of appointees will be submitted to town counsel's review after July 1st.

Patrick agreed to contact Mike Rock, Highland Ambulance Director, concerning the attorney general's survey regarding ground ambulance services.

Franklin Regional Council of Governments bid tabulations for gasoline and #2

heating oil were discussed with Highway Superintendent Walter Jennings. Discussion of whether to lock-in or pay rack price was discussed. The chair entertained a motion to lock-in gasoline at \$3.479 per gallon and lock-in heating oil at \$2.99 per gallon for FY24 as proposed by Walter and Paula. The motion, moved by Hilary and seconded by Ben, was unanimously approved. A grant application for the River Road bridge was not awarded due to the minimal amount of daily traffic.

A new highway department employee has been hired.

Hilary moved to pay KP-Law invoice #142340 in the amount of \$1,249.20. The motion, seconded by Ben, was unanimously approved.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary