Minutes of the Select Board Meeting October 22nd, 2024

Ben Gillett, Judy Cole, and Polly Ryan were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of October 8th, 2024 were accepted as submitted.

-Board to vote: Determined useful life of the new fire truck is thirty years. Judy Cole moved that the Board vote to approve that the determined useful life of the new Fire Truck is thirty years. The board voted unanimously that thirty years is the determined useful life of the new Fire Truck.

-Broom Street: Host Community Agreement for 27 Broom Street discussion: Chris Roos and Nick Rosati from High Plains Farm of 27 Broom Street were present to discuss the renewal of their Host Community agreement. They were unaware that they would be on the agenda for the previous meeting and plan to meet with Heather Davis, the Tax Collector, on Thursday or Friday during her office hours to discuss the payment of their taxes, which is a separate item from the Host Community Agreement itself. Judy Cole said that in the future, it might be helpful to provide an Annual Report to the Select Board so that the Town is aware of how everything is going at High Plains Farm. This might help bridge the gap between the Town and the Farm. Chris and Nick agreed and plan to do that moving forward. Shannon Dry, the Executive Assistant, made a note to contact them in early February of each year to get them on a Select Board meeting agenda to give an update. The renewal of the Host Community Agreement is still pending and will be discussed at the next Select Board meeting.

-ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds discussion: It was determined that the majority of the ARPA funds that remain unused were originally allocated to Plainfield Pond. These funds have not been utilized and there will be a continued discussion at the November 12th Select Board meeting regarding the funds. Judy Therber will be contacted prior to the meeting to get an update and to let her know about the meeting. Several other projects could use the funding if it isn’t going towards the pond, including the ball field at the Town Park as well as the Village Green Project. It is still being discussed where the funds would go if they are reallocated.

Peter LaPointe informed the Board that Lyla Rozelle has resigned from the Energy Committee. Peter has volunteered to be an interim on the Energy Committee and suggested coming up with a way to “cross-pollinate” committees and mentioned that there is a lot of crossover between various committees. The Board agreed that this is a good idea.

Recreation Committee: Sandy Morann informed the Town that Halloween will be celebrated on October 31st starting at the Shaw Hudson House with the Rag Shag Parade, ending at the Town Park where there will be Trunk or Treat, hot and cold cider, fried dough, and a bonfire.

Miscellaneous Mail and Meeting Notices:

Ben Gillett read a draft of the revised “Driveway Permit” from Mark Hebert, the Highway Superintendent.

Warrants were signed.

A motion to adjourn was approved at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Dry