

APPROVED
ANDOVER SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2022

Members Present: Todd Goings, Chair; Michelle Dudek, John Kinney

Also present for duration of appropriate item: Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Joe Mahoney, Police Chief; Donna Duclos, Planning Board; Nancy Robart and Lisa Meier, Secretary

Chair Goings opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Review of 12/20/2021 Minutes

Motion to approve – Dudek

Second – Kinney

Unanimous – Vote to approve

Chief Mahoney

Chief Mahoney advised that a new police officer has been hired. All the deadlines have been met and submitted online; however, he received a call after the deadline advising that there would be no part-time academy in January and the Director is unsure when the next part-time academy will be held. Chief Mahoney would like to go to Council to find out what is planned. Goings asked what happens if the new officer went to the full-time academy and Chief Mahoney replied that the cost would be \$400 rather than \$200. Kinney asked if the new officer was in a position to wait and Chief Mahoney replied that they can do some training in Andover. Dudek asked what the time-frame is for the current part-time officer and the response was 1 – 2 years.

Kinney re: EMS

Kinney indicated he had received an email regarding the Easy IO drills for drilling into the bone marrow. The current one has outlived its life expectancy and the

needles from the current drill are not compatible with the new drill. The cost for the new drill is \$1438 and the board approved the purchase.

Road Agents Report – Michelle Dudek

Dudek indicated she spoke with Jon Champagne regarding the lease paperwork for the new truck and he is still waiting on it. The worker that was on medical leave is back full-time. Sanding of roads is going well.

At 6:15 p.m. the board voted unanimously to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A-3(a).

At 6:40 p.m. the board voted unanimously to enter back into public session.

Budget Review

1. The deadline to pay 2021 invoices is January 15, 2022.
2. Goings asked Roy if COVID money is in the reserve funds and Roy replied she was unsure. Roy will check with Elita to find out where the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds are.
3. Goings asked if John Burns was available and Roy responded she was unsure. Goings recommended looking for someone else to come in and draw up a new set of plans for redesigning the entry to the building.

Bridge Easement

Goings stated he had received an email from Tina Bendixsen regarding an easement for the bridge. She would like access to her property by going over the bridge. An easement was received previously and he believes this should go to the Planning Board. Roy will check with Town Counsel. Dudek states that because the bridge is a private bridge, Tina should work with the owner of the bridge directly.

Town Administrator Report

1. Roy stated the deadline for departments to provide information for the 2021 Town Report is January 17, 2022.
2. The position for secretary needs to be finalized and the choice passed on to the Select Board.
3. January 26, 2022 is the public hearing for the Town Budget.

Correspondence / Signatures

1. An amended quote from Main Stay was signed. The cost is going up this year.
2. A letter was received and reviewed that the Town Counsel fees are going up for 2022.
3. A certification for a Yield Tax was signed.
4. Dudek stated she received an email from Janet Moore regarding Bill 607 and Bill 307. Dudek is concerned with an increase in property taxes. Bill 607 is about the education vouchers and the fact that now the legislators want any and all “other” school tuition paid by local property taxes, with no family income cap and no real accountability. Bill 307 bans the Select Board from imposing any firearm restrictions on discreet groups / areas/ in a town – e.g., the beach, a school, the fireworks on 4th of July – and penalizing the Select Board members personally with fines.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Meier
Secretary