

APPROVED
ANDOVER SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2022

Members Present: Michelle Dudek, Chair; James Delaney, and Andy Guptill

Also present: Stuart Green, Town Moderator; Donna Crisp Duclos; Patricia Moyer; Kurt Meier; Janet Moore; Vicky Mishcon; Lee & Ken Wells; Steve & Meghan Barton; Wendy Pinkham; Beth Page; Todd Goings; Brian Thomas; Scott Allenby; Gretchen Hildebrand; Jeffrey Miller; Tiffany Perkins; Ollie Perkins and Lisa Meier, Secretary

Public Hearing: Pursuant to RSA 31:95-b to discuss the acceptance of unanticipated revenue in the amount t of \$85,540.68 from Senate Bill 401 and \$106,850.00 from House Bill 1221. These funds must be used to supplement the operating budget to repair, maintain, and construct municipal bridges; repair and maintain Class IV and V roads; or acquire the equipment necessary to maintain Class IV and V roads

Dudek opened the meeting and public hearing at 5:45 p.m. and did roll call. Dudek read the public hearing notice and explained that there are two sources of unanticipated funds and to utilize those funds a public hearing has to be held to advise the residents of what the money is going to be appropriated to. The first fund is SB401 for a total amount of \$106,858. The money was received for use on bridges only and Keniston Bridge will be receiving a new metal roof. The board will be meeting with Hoyle & Tanner on October 12, 2022 to review. The second source is HB1221 for a total amount of \$85,540.69 to be used on roads or equipment and the board is looking to purchase a new loader for the Highway Department. It was asked if all of the \$106,858 will be used for the bridge and the response was that will be determined after the meeting with Hoyle & Tanner. Guptill stated that due to the historic nature of the bridge, this will be added to

the cost. Moore asked where Keniston Bridge is located and the response was on Bridge Road. Lee Wells asked if the repairs cost more will the town raise additional money and the response was yes. Ken Wells asked if LCHIP Grants are available for bridges and Guptill responded that one was used for Bog Bridge. Guptill also stated that there is a long wait list for L-CHIP Grants and from the scope of the work, this should be enough money. Pinkham asked if the first source is ARPA and the second source is a Block Grant and the response was they are both block grants. Goings asked why the board does not wish to replace the truck that needs to be replaced rather than purchase a loader. Dudek responded that the board is relying heavily on the input from the Highway Supervisor. Steve Barton asked what the cost of a new loader is and the response was \$70,000 - \$85,000. Barton asked what size machine they are considering and the response was they have received a quote on a Kubota R640 with a 1 ½ yard 74" bucket along with a quote on a similar sized Yanmar. Duclos asked if the quotes are available for the public to review and the response was yes. There being no further discussion, the public hearing was closed at 5:54 p.m.

Public Hearing: To see if the town will vote, pursuant to RSA 31:5-b, to ratify the results of the March 8, 2022 annual meeting due to minor procedural deficiencies associated with the previously posted warrant and budget

Dudek opened the second public hearing at 6:00 and read the public hearing notice along with a letter from DRA (Department of Revenue Administration). Guptill shared preventative measures that the board has taken to ensure that this does not happen in the future. Moore and Moyer stated they had seen that everything was posted. Mishcon asked if the differences were in the numbers from the public hearing and what was voted on at town meeting. Dudek advised that the discrepancy was what was voted on at town meeting and what was sent to DRA. Steve Barton asked how this happened and the response was the board was unsure. Stuart Green asked if the Procedural Defect meeting would be a full meeting and the response was no. Steve Barton asked what would happen should this not be ratified and the response was the board would work with DRA on a default budget. Allenby asked what the public could do to help the Select Board

and the Town Office and Guptill responded they could put the word out about the Procedural Defect meeting to be held on October 17, 2022. Mishcon asked what the maximum number of persons the meeting room could hold and the response was ninety-one.

There being no further discussion, the public hearing was closed at 6:16 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Delaney made a motion at 6:17 p.m. to adjourn. Guptill seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously via roll-call vote to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Meier
Secretary