

The August 13, 2020, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President at 7:00 p.m. This was a Virtual Meeting using Zoom via Computer or Phone.

The following members were present:

Denise L. DiFranco, President
Cheryl Hawes, Vice President
Chris Stone
Heidi Rogers
Bob Moreau

Also present:

Julia Chretien
Susan Dillon
Kelli Russ
Patti Moreau

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- 2) Approval of Minutes for July 30, 2020 (incomplete)
- 3) Approval of Payroll Warrants
 - a) a. # 5- \$34,826.08 b. # 6 - \$33,585.77
- 4) Approval of General Warrants
 - General Warrant #24 - \$1,560.00
 - General Warrant # 3- \$29,217.37 FY2021
- 5) Additions and Abatements

Chris Stone moved, Bob Moreau seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda without the minutes for July 30, 2020 (not yet complete).

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Bob Moreau, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- Police Building Committee Update along with
 - Police Building Next Steps
 - Public Meeting
 - Special Financial Town Meetings
- Moved to this position*

Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to move Item E under New Business to this position.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Bob Moreau, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Denise L. DiFranco stated that Edward & Ross would be willing to do a town meeting. It could be held in conjunction with a Financial Town Meeting for the end of September or beginning of October.

Bob Moreau said the end of September would be the best.

Kelli Russ said that she spoke to Ann Carrera of the U.S.D.A. She can connect us with someone local.

Their end of year is September if we want to pursue a loan for the next cycle. The rate is 2.375 percent, we don't get a rate like that any other way. We need to report on population, if we're rural, on the environment, construction, financial town meeting approval, 100 percent ADA compliance, and that any federally protected environments would be unharmed. Anything beyond the third week in September would put us in a precarious position, but our timing is spot on for their new year.

Denise L. DiFranco asked the Town Clerk how much time she would need. Chris Stone said the property is not secure yet. Kelli Russ asked how long that would

take. Heidi Rogers asked if they were going to Quit Claim the whole parcel. Chris Stone said it would be just a portion. Heidi Rogers said that the surveying would take time, she couldn't see how we could get it done in that amount of time.

Lynne Rider said that they would have whatever they need in order to have the meeting; they don't have to have the deed in hand.

Kelli Russ said they could approve the concept, which can happen before the property is transferred.

Denise L. DiFranco asked how much work it would be for Kelli.

Kelli said the same amount (as a bond) but it saves hundreds of thousands of dollars. It would not only be her, it would include the Planner, the architect and the engineer.

Denise L. DiFranco asked Atty. Julia Chretien how long it would take to settle the land transfer. Ms. Chretien said that payment would be contingent on having the property, but it sounds like all she needs it to have it approved to go forward.

Kelli Russ said there is an allowance to ask for more money for additional components if necessary. It is Federal money so it will be monitored every year. The 2.375 rate could go even lower.

Discussion followed regarding dates and places to meet.

Heidi Rogers moved, Bob Moreau seconded, to explore the dates September 22 and 29 for a Special Financial Town Meeting for the Police Station Building at the Regional School.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Bob Moreau, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Denise L. DiFranco said she would contact Bob Boyden. Kelli Russ said she wanted three meetings. Denise L. DiFranco said they would not be public hearings so they would not be bound by the public hearing guidelines. Tentative dates: September 3, 10, & 12. Denise L. DiFranco said she would check with Joe Walsh for a model.

Bob Moreau moved, Chris Stone seconded, to hold public meetings concerning the police station on September 3, 10 & 12.

Discussion: the Town Clerk will advertise.

Denise L. DiFranco asked what if we held them on the 10, 15, and 19th.

Bob Moreau amended the dates to September 10, 15 and 19th. Heidi Rogers seconded.

Amendment passed 5 – 0.

Bob Moreau, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris Stone, aye, Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Main Motion passed 5 – 0.

Bob Moreau, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris Stone, aye, Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
Kelli Russ said she needed an amount to calculate.
Chris Stone suggested 3.5 million. Denise L. DiFranco said that was over a million more! Kelli Russ said she could do 3 and a 2.75 or 2.5.
Lynne Rider said that she knew that Gordy Brayton was taking into account an increase in the cost of materials, so she suggested 3.75.
Heidi Rogers suggested 3 million. Chris Stone said that she was guessing.
Kelli Russ said that she would calculate 3 and 2.75.
Cheryl Hawes said 3 because of the site work needed.
Kelli Russ said that whatever the taxpayers vote will be what we are bound to.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Recreation Field Update

Denise L. DiFranco said no motions were needed.
Kelli Russ said she and Kip had met with the engineer and changed the plan; the final is ready for Jay but he had not responded yet.

- Wind Energy System
Moratorium Ordinance
Extension

Denise L. DiFranco said the moratorium runs to July 21, 2020. This would be giving it an extension so that the Planning Board can work on it.
Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to extend the moratorium until February 8, 2021.
Motion passed 5 – 0.
Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco said if an ordinance comes before that, it will proceed it.
Bob Moreau Cheryl Hawes Chris Stone Heidi Rogers
Denise L. DiFranco

- Ground Mounted Solar
Photovoltaic Installation
Moratorium Ordinance
Extension

Denise L. DiFranco said she spoke with the Planner who said that the Planning Board was looking to have a Public Hearing on October 8th for the ground mounted solar but he recommended we extend it because there are several public hearings that night.
Cheryl Hawes moved, Bob Moreau seconded, to extend the moratorium until February 8, 2021.
Motion passed 5 – 0.
Bob Moreau, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resignation of Planning
Board Member

Cheryl Hawes read the letter from Bob Moreau resigning from the Planning Board due to the fact that he was appointed to the Town Council (see Exhibit A).
Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to accept the resignation with regret and thanks.
Motion passed 4 – 0 – 1 with one recusal.
Bob Moreau, recused; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye.

- B. Appointment to Planning
Board
Member/Advertisement

Susan Dillon stated that there were people who are interested. Denise L. DiFranco asked if she advertised.
Susan Dillon said the responses she gets are from

sending out an email blast and not from placing ads, so it isn't worth the money.

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| C. Appointment of Town Council Member as Liaison to the Town Planner | Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to appoint Bob Moreau as liaison to the Town Planner. Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco said the Bob Moreau did ask for the position. Motion passed 5 – 0. Bob Moreau, aye, Cheryl Hawes, aye, Chris Stone, aye, Heidi Rogers, aye, Denise L. DiFranco, aye. |
| D. Appropriations for Edward Rouse Architects for new Police Building | Denise L. DiFranco said the next item was an appropriation for Edward Rouse Architects; they are looking for an additional \$3,500.00 for redesign of the new police building and for any copies at 110% of the cost. Cheryl Hawes moves, Chris Stone seconded, to appropriate the amount requested from Edward Rouse Architects for the purpose of presenting it to the town. Discussion: Patti Moreau said they might be making a mylar. Bob Moreau said the cost of copies would not be that much. Motion passed 5 – 0. Bob Moreau, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris Stone, aye, Denise L. DiFranco, aye. |
| <i>Moved up to first item</i>
E. Police Building Next Steps
a) Public Meeting
b) Special Financial Town Meetings | |
| F. Town Council Members to Attend Engineering Board Meeting | Denise L. DiFranco said they needed two members of the Town Council to attend the next Engineering Board meeting on September 29 th . Cheryl Hawes said that date could clash with the Special Financial Town Meeting. Heidi Rogers said she would go if needed. Chris Stone said he would go. |
| VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS | Denise L. DiFranco said she wanted to invite someone from National Grid to come to the next council meeting, and that she would also like to include other towns. |
| VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION | Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive Session according to RIGL 42-42-4 for the reasons stated in RIGL 42-46-5 for discussions and work sessions regarding Collective Bargaining, Litigation according to 42-46-5(A)2. Motion passed 5 – 0. Bob Moreau, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye. |
| VIII. ADJOURNMENT | Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. |

Submitted by,

Susan M. Dillon, Town Clerk