

Town of Hardwick
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
7/26/2021

The Hardwick Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 5:30PM in the Myron E. Richardson Municipal building by Chairman Kelly Kemp. Present were members Julie Quink and H. Robert Ruggles. Also present was Town Administrator, Nicole Parker.

Cemetery- Mowing Contract

Present was Cemetery Commissioner Paula Roberts. She explained that they have found someone to do the mowing for the season and the cemetery commission recommends approval of contract. Highway does all site work. She also presented an updated fee schedule for approval.

Motion was made to approve contract and fee schedule by J. Quink. Seconded by HR. Ruggles. Motion passed (3:0)

Right of First Refusal- 0 Brook Rd

Motion was made to waive Right of First Refusal by J. Quink. Seconded by HR. Ruggles. Motion passed (3:0)

Building Inspector- Fee Schedule

Bill Cantell, Regional Building inspector, was present and relayed to the Selectmen that the fee schedule for building permits should be updated. The Selectmen requested he bring in a formal proposal for approval. B. Cantell said he would come back to subsequent meeting.

Ware Ambulance Agreement

Discussion was had over whether KP Law had a conflict of Interest considering they represent Ware and Hardwick. The opinion was that a conflict of interest does not exist.

Motion to allow contract to be approved as reviewed by KP Law was made by J. Quink. Seconded by HR. Ruggles. Motion passed (3:0)

USDA Defunding letter dated 7-16-2021

The Town received a letter de-obligating all funds previously pledged. In the letter, there are three options for appeal. (Attached)

After much discussion, the Board felt they have no other choice but to exhaust each option. The decision was made to hold a Special town meeting on August 26, 2021 to discuss betterments. It was also decided that there would be a public information session on either August 16 or 17. It was requested that the Town reach out to the Superintendent to ensure the dates work so it can be held in a larger space in the cafeteria.

36 Motion was made to exercise option 1 first, and also work down the line to option 3 if necessary by
37 J.Quink. Seconded by HR. Ruggles. Motion passed (3:0)

38 Recess

39 Motion was made to recess and reopen at the Meeting House on the common at 6:00PM by HR.
40 Ruggles. Seconded by J.Quink. Motion passed (3:0)

41 Reopen Meeting at Town House 6:30PM

42 The meeting was reconvened to be held in conjunction with the Sewer Commission meeting. The
43 discussion was centered around the fact that Eagle Hill School stated they would sign the agreement to
44 accept payment of \$1.8 million and start paying sewer fees if the Sewer Commission voted to agree to
45 the rates and betterments outlined in the RCAP proposal.

46 Adjournment

47 After the commission passed the motion, motion to adjourn was made by HR. Ruggles. Seconded by
48 J.Quink. Motion passed (3:0)

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