

**TOWN OF LITTLETON
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
5:00 PM
LITTLETON COMMUNITY CENTER, HEALD ROOM
120 MAIN STREET, LITTLETON NH 03561
MINUTES**

Present: Roger Emerson, Chairman; Linda MacNeil, Vice Chairwoman; Carrie Gendreau, Selectwoman; Paul Smith, Interim Town Manager; Doug Damko, Public Works Director; Chief Chad Miller; Vicki Potter, Administrative Secretary; Tom Alt, Conservation Commission; Roger Merrill, Conservation Commission; Robert MacNeil; Bill Gendreau; Robert Blechl, Caledonian Record; Zack Dickinson, Zack D. Video; Skip Sansoucy, George Sansoucy PE, LLC; Austin Sansoucy, George Sansoucy, PE, LLC; Jocelyne Barrett, Great River Hydro; Brandon Kibbe, Great River Hydro; Peter Cooper, Littleton Water & Light; Marie Slack; Rudy Gelsi; Lilo Rheinstein; Suzanne McAvoy; Wayne Burger; Kerri Harrington; Jeff Feller; Paul Lehmann; Mary Menzies,

Emerson opened the meeting at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Jimmy Anan followed up with the prayer

Presentations:

Great River Hydro – (Jocelyne Barrett, Brandon Kibbe) – Moore Station – Emerson introduced Barrett and Kibbe, then they each gave a little information about themselves and what they do for GRH. He then provided information about the company, what they do, the 13 generating stations & 3 storage-only reservoirs locations on the Connecticut & Deerfield Rivers, their coverage areas in NH, VT and MA, their employees, information on the Moore Station itself, the recreation areas and other local benefits, the market fundamentals (capacity and energy aspects), the generation variabilities, the property tax history, and that they are looking forward to exploring options of working with the Town of Littleton again with a new working out a new PILOT renewal agreement that would be beneficial to both entities. The Board members, Rheinstein and Harrington asked a few questions during the presentation which Kibbe and Barrett answered.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes:

Administrative – 2/20/2024 – BOS Non-Public Work Session – **MacNeil made the motion to approve the minutes. Gendreau seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion passed 3-0.**

Administrative – 2/26/2024 - BOS Meeting - **MacNeil made the motion to approve the minutes. Gendreau seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion passed 3-0.**

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Administrative – 3/5/2024 – BOS Work Session - **MacNeil made the motion to approve the minutes. Gendreau seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion passed 3-0.**

Administrative – 3/5/2024 – BOS Non-Public Work Session - **MacNeil made the motion to approve the minutes. Gendreau seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion passed 3-0.**

Town Manager Updates:

Smith informed the Board that he received notification that Twin State Clean Energy has decided NOT to continue moving forward with their project of burying the electrical lines along Route 135. He said they did not give any reasons for this decision.

Smith also let the BOS know a small group of people had a preliminary meeting to start getting prepared for the influx of people expected for the Eclipse.

Smith mentioned that he received notification from Senator Shaheen's Office that they passed a Congressional Discretion Bill. It still needs to go through New Hampshire D.O.T but it looks like the Town should be receiving approximately \$365,000 to be used for the Main Street Project, Phase 2 project.

Old Business:

Public Works Department – Dells Dam Update – Damko re-briefed the Board on the Dells Dam update he gave them on February 26th. At that meeting the BOS asked Damko for estimates on the proposed pedestrian and vehicular bridges over the dam. Damko explained the projected amounts for the project that includes the auto bridge is the

\$602,200 that was previously voted and approved by the taxpayers (2023 - Article 3). The pedestrian bridge would be approximately \$7,000 more coming in around \$609,200. Alt and Merrill provided some history, feedback and their opinions about the Dells, the Dam, access points into the Dells for emergency purposes and NHDES requirements for the dam. Gendreau voiced her concerns about exceeding the \$602,200 that was voted on. Damko stated that there still may be some flexibility with the funding because they have received some grant funds that could offset the \$7,000 difference but would have to wait and see a little longer. **MacNeil made the motion to accept and move forward with the pedestrian bridge estimate for the Dells Dam project. Gendreau seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion passed 3-0.**

Board of Selectmen Topics:

Gendreau let the Board know that she mentioned to Potter that the covered bridge was built in 2004 and this year is the 20th anniversary for it and would like to see some sort of celebration or dedication made for it. She would like the Board to continue talking about doing that.

Gendreau also brought to attention the sidewalks on Mill Street on the Riverwalk side. She said that when the pickups back into the spaces and have trailer hitches, they overlap the sidewalk which leaves no space for wheelchairs or strollers to use them. She is not sure what can be done about it but wanted to bring it to light. Smith said he would discuss it with DPW or at a safety meeting.

Gendreau encouraged people to get out and vote on Tuesday, March 12th 8am to 7 pm at the Littleton Public Works building.

Gendreau thanked the Police Department for the quick thinking with setting up the dunk tank so they could still hold their annual Winni Dip to support the New Hampshire Special Olympics. The ice on Partridge Lake was not safe to hold there this year.

Gendreau shared that FF Cameron Robidoux is the first AMT to become a Paramedic within our Fire Department. Chief Miller said it takes 18-months and 1,000 hours to complete. He also shared that he was two other firefighters getting ready to take the course soon as well.

MacNeil asked Smith where they stand on receiving the large printouts of the Opera House plans. Smith said he will get them to them this week.

MacNeil congratulated the girls cheer squad. Said she watched their performance and they did a really, really good job.

MacNeil complimented the Police Department and two of their Rookie Officer's who did an exceptional job on keeping the road closed down so that Littleton Water & Light could take care of the downed lines and flooding that took place recently.

Emerson thanked Gendreau for her 6-years of service as a Select Board Member and all she has done for the Town of Littleton by presenting her flowers.

Gendreau said it has been an honor serving for the Town and was thankful to Schuyler Sweet for getting her interested in doing so. She also stated how grateful she is for all of the great people she has met, the friendships established and the teamwork that went into holding the position.

Public Comment: (Those in attendance will have the opportunity for public comment of three (3) minutes or less)

Rheinstein asked that people think about the Pledge of Allegiance and what the last line of it actually means. She also expressed her feelings on the opening prayer for the meetings and asked that it be modified to a moment of silence or to eliminate it.

Slack agreed with Rheinstein's comments about prayers during public meetings.

Gendreau made the motion to adjourn the meeting. MacNeil seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting closed at 6:01 pm.