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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA FOR November 29, 2022, AT 4:00 P.M. SELECTMEN'S CHAMBERS, 272 MAIN STREET, TOWNSEND, MA. And Via ZOOM for convenience

Preliminaries:

Board of Selectmen meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m. with Chaz Sexton-Diranian (remote), Theresa Morse (remote) and Veronica Kell present.

Announced that the meeting is being recorded via zoom, is live on Channel 9, and will be posted on the YouTube channel after tonight's meeting.

Chairman's Additions & Deletions:

Add Town Administrator update (5.0) and Announcements (5.3) by consensus.

Greenville Rd Bridge replacement bid:

Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded by Chaz Sexton-Diranian to accept the bid from Shepco, Inc., in the amount of \$754,333 for the Greenville Rd Bridge construction. Motion passed with all in favor by roll call vote.

Use of Council on Aging van for Christmas Fair:

Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded by Chaz Sexton-Diranian to approve the use of the Council on Aging van for the Friends of the Library Christmas Fair shuttle on December 10.

Motion passed with all in favor by roll call vote.

Town Administrator's update:

- **Spaulding Memorial School** draft lease for NMRSD is uploaded to sharepoint for discussion at 12/6 Select Board meeting. It was noted that the lease is to be for 10 years with the possibility of 2 5-year extensions as discussed at the 11/15 BOS meeting.
- **STM update:** There is a possibility that free cash may not be certified in time for Special Town Meeting on 12/13. There are 3 options: 1) passover free cash articles (Articles 5-11) and place them on a subsequent town meeting, 2) use stabilization funds rather than free cash, or 3) reschedule the Special Town Meeting. Options were discussed. It was noted that the repair of the Town Hall elevator must be completed by the end of December.
- Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded by Chaz Sexton-Diranian to have Town Administrator Eric Slagle approach the Finance Committee to get emergency funds for the elevator repair that must be completed by the end of December. Motion passed with all in favor by roll call vote.
- Energy aggregation for municipal buildings: The contract sent by Constellation had numbers transposed in the rates. Since the rate was slightly higher than that approved by the Board on 11/15, the contract was not signed, and the rates were lost.

 Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded by Charles Sexton-Diranian to authorize

the Town Administrator to enter into an energy agreement for 3 years if the rate is less than or equal to 0.16 (the Unitil G2 rate of 0.21) or if the rate is less than or equal to .21 for 1 year. Motion passed with all in favor by roll call vote.

- Fire chief has invited all members of the board to the dinner that is being held this Friday. Eric will send further information to the Select Board. An RSVP is needed.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, Dec 6 at 6 p.m.; Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, Oct 13 at 7 p.m.; Tuesday, December 20 at 6 p.m.

Payroll and bills payable warrants:

Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded by Chaz Sexton-Diranian to review and sign payroll and bills payable warrants out of session.

Motion passed with all in favor by roll call vote.

Announcement:

Theresa Morse made the announcement that on Sat, Dec 10, at 10 a.m., any and all veterans may visit the Townsend VFW to learn about and sign up for Veteran's Benefits.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded by Chaz Sexton-Diranian to adjourn at 4:47 p.m.

Motion passed with all in favor by roll call vote.

Minutes submitted by Veronica Kell on 12/06/2022.

Recording can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dquLC1DAvXo