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Town of Sullivan, NH

Board of Selectmen

Approved Meeting Minutes September 11, 2023

Sullivan Town Hall

Board members present: Dave Jakway, Chair; Paul Bolduc, Virginia DeAngelis

Staff: Kathleen Rowe, Administrative Assistant

Department Heads:

Public: Terry Clark, Cheshire County Commissioner; Wendy Byrne, Leslie Casey, Risa Keene, Douglas Keene(?)

Wendy Pelletier, Tom Sherpa, Bob Switzer

A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Dave Jakway, Chairman.

On a motion by Paul, seconded by Virginia, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023 public meeting as written, all aye.

On a motion by Paul, seconded by Virginia, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023 non-public meeting for legal issues, as written, all aye.

B. PUBLIC

Terry Clark, County Commissioner presented the proposal for community power as supplied through Cheshire Community Power, a local commission affiliated with the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire.

Currently a customer receives a billing from their power company with two categories of power service – power delivery (charges for wires, poles, etc.) and power sourcing, both based on kwh used for the month, and associated fees. The customer will see no changes to the company doing the billing (still receive an Eversource bill); the difference will be in the price of the power.

Clark explained the communities have two avenues of sourcing less expensive power: a) local power committee contracting with a broker for a specific price twice annually (broker model) and b) contracting with a regional commission for year-round power purchases based on the spot market (coalition model). The coalition model eliminates the profit margin necessary for the brokerage investors, but does assume a smaller profit margin to fund staffing and administrative costs of the coalition. Both models currently provide lower cost power. Additionally, the coalition model negates the need for a local (town) power commission/committee for purchasing power – a plus for small towns whose staffing and volunteer members may change frequently.

Under state statute, the Board of Selectmen can contract with either the broker or the coalition on behalf of the Town after a public hearing; residents who do not want to be included in a program be able to “opt-out” at any time within 30 days of the public hearing. There is a 60 day time frame for that change to take effect, once requested.

Towns contracting with Cheshire Community Power have the opportunity to have a voting representative on the Cheshire Community Power Governance Council.

The Board of Selectmen will review the proposal.

C. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

1. Four builders/contractors were contacted to bid for repairs at the Town Hall. One bid has been received. On a motion from Paul, seconded by Virginia, the Board voted unanimously to accept a bid from Adam Cullis in the amount of \$5,388., all aye.

2. Signed: Manifest, vendor payments and purchase orders.

On a motion by Dave, seconded by Virginia, the Board voted unanimously to move into non-public meeting/legal issues at 8:12 PM.

On a motion by Paul, seconded by Virginia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the non-public meeting, seal the minutes and return to the public meeting at 8:20PM

D. MISCELLANEOUS

- Dave will check with Todd on the status of the Mahindra.
- The Highway Department will begin reclamation work on Valley Road on Monday, 9/11/2023.

The next public meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Monday, September 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM

E. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Virginia, seconded by Paul and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Rowe, Administrative Assistant