



TOWN OF LISBON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
INCORPORATED 1763

**Budget Hearing followed by  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday January 22, 2024  
6pm  
Lisbon Railroad Station  
And  
Zoom**

**PRESENT:** Scott Champagne, Selectman; Arthur Boutin, Selectman;  
Brian Higgins, Selectman; Krystle Dow, Administrative Assistant (Zoom);  
Audrey Champagne, Town Clerk/Tax Collector (Zoom)

**PUBLIC:** Greg Hartwell (Fire Chief); Linda Clark; Jenn Gierchak (Zoom);  
Katrine Barclay (Zoom); Rob Ayotte (Zoom); Vanessa Johnson (Zoom);  
Rosalind Page (Zoom)

**Budget Hearing Opened at 6pm:** The towns annual budget hearing began at 6 p.m. The board went through the budget by section. Scott Champagne told everyone that if they had questions they could certainly ask, and they would answer them the best they can. There were a few questions that were asked about the TC/TC budget and the Police Budget. Scott Champagne answered the questions and explained all the increases and why the increases. He also stated that there are a few monetary warrant articles such as a cruiser, a one-ton truck for highway, and community service agencies. Scott stated that all these need to be sent to DRA (Department of Revenue Administration) for approval for the proper wording of them. Once the board went through the budget and stated some of the warrant articles, they then

asked anyone if they had any questions. Katrine Barclay took time to thank the board for all they do for the Town. Rosalind Page thanked them as well. Selectman Scott Champagne asked one more time if anyone had any more questions. Nobody seemed to have any more questions, so Scott Champagne closed the public hearing @ 6:39 pm.

**Approval of minutes from January 08th BOS meeting:** Scott Champagne made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 08th BOS meeting and Brian Higgins seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

**Abatement:** There is an application for an abatement for Map and Lot R30 L02 (700 Walker Hill Road). The subject property is a single wide manufactured home that was situated on R30-L02. The reason for the abatement request is the taxpayer's concern with the assessment of the home as it was removed from the property in the fall of tax year 2022. Richard Dorsette (KRT Appraisal) reviewed the information provided and did a field review and verified that the home was removed. After removing the home from the parcel, the assessment is reduced from \$7,000.00 to \$0. The assessor's recommendation is to grant the abatement which will result in abatement in the amount of \$239.82. Arthur Boutin made a motion to grant the abatement and Brian Higgins seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

**Request for Use:** There are two requests for uses of the Town Hall. The first is for Basketball shooting and practicing drills. The request is to use the Town Hall on Sundays at 11am and roughly have 2-6 people. They will reach out to the basketball coaches to make sure there is no overlap between their allotted times. Scott Champagne made a motion to approve and waive the fee and Arthur Boutin seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

The second request for use for the Town Hall is for Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 pm. This is for a birthday party and there will be roughly 20 people. Scott Champagne made a motion to approve and waive the fee and they must clean up afterwards. Arthur Boutin seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

**Special Event Form:** There is a special event for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Snowmobile Race. The race is set for February 24, 2024, from 10-4 off Route 302. This has been held in the same location for the past, well 17 years. Scott Champagne stated that they will have over 20 different classes of racing and roughly 250-300 people will attend. They will have Lisbon Fire and Rescue along with the Lisbon Police Department attend. Scott Champagne made a motion to approve, and Brian Higgins seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

**Quote from Blacktop:** There is a quote from Blacktop paving to have curbing and paving done on Kelsey Avenue and Highland Avenue. Scott Champagne stated that he has asked highway to get pricing to do this especially the hill going down Highland Ave as there is only a painted white line. Scott stated that most kids walk down that way to and from school so making the sidewalk continue would be great. The rough estimate is \$15,141.98.

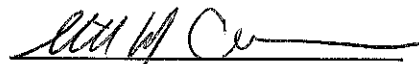
**Probate Information:** The town has a few properties that need to have a probate case open as there is no next of kin. Arthur Boutin got a folder full of information to see how the town would proceed in something like this. He stated that it appears that you may have to go back 5 generations. It appears that the Town's attorney may have to get involved as they would know how to file.

**7:09 PM Brian Higgins made a motion to adjourn, and Arthur Boutin seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.**

**NEXT BOS MEETING: February 12, 2024 @ 6pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Hearing if needed followed by Regular Selectboard Meeting.**

*Respectfully submitted by Krystle Dow*

Board of Selectmen:



Chairman  
Scott Champagne



Selectmen  
Arthur Boutin



Selectmen  
Brian Higgins

Approved / Not Approved on  
02/12/2024.