

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 26, 2024

At the Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 5:45 p.m. the following Board members were in attendance: Shawn White, Abbey Querrard, John Tholl.

Chairman Tholl called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Shawn White to enter non-public session at 5:45 p.m. pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II (a). The motion was seconded by Abbey Querrard. Roll call vote: Querrard: Yes; White: Yes; Tholl: Yes. Motion passes, 3-0. The board entered non-public session at 5:45 p.m.

The Board adjourned from non-public session at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Tholl called the public meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following people were in attendance: Bob Loiacono, Katy Kopp, Sally Maroon; Roxie Severance; Teresa Russo; Scott Burns; and Tom Ladd.

Shawn White announced that the Board of Selectmen voted tonight to eliminate the Public Works Director position effective March 24, 2024, and offered the position as a Road Agent to the current DPW Director.

Old Business:

New Business:

WEDC:

The WEDC presented a letter to the Board of Selectmen re: Notice of Dissolution of Whitefield Economic Development Corporation. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes

The members explained that things have changed with the times, so much of their work is grant driven. They would roll up their sleeves and work to try to do a project and ran into brick walls much of the time. They are suggesting that the Town look into regionalizing and become part of Coos County Economic Development. Katy said that she can talk to Ericka Canales, Executive Director, to see if they are open to that. Whitefield needs an economic force, and WEDC just last week looked at economic modeling and looking at to see how that would in Whitefield to recruit business. There is an annual service fee of \$3,500 for that. Katy said that they would be giving back any money to the town that they have left over in their account. They will not be requesting their \$6,000 town appropriation at town meeting this year. Nobody realizes how much time the volunteers who have served on WEDC have put in. In order to do it effectively, we need more time to devote to it. WEDC appreciates the support from the Whitefield Board of

Selectmen over the years. The Board thanked the WEDC for all they have done and contributed over the years.

Sign Professional Service Agreement for CDBG Project Administration Between the Town of Whitefield and North Country Council for Whitefield Public Library Renovations & Expansion

A motion was made by Shawn White to authorize Abbey Querrard to sign the Professional Service Agreement for CDBG Project Administration Between the Town of Whitefield and North Country Council for Whitefield Public Library Renovations & Expansion. The motion was seconded by John Tholl. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passes.

Hilltop Manor Mobile Home Park – Utility Service Bill

Hilltop Manor Mobile Home Park reached out to the Town on January 16, 2024 that they had a water leak and were asking for some abatement of their bill. As soon as they realized they had a leak, they fixed it. Shawn looked at their usage history for the last three billing cycles and averaged it to be 186,000 gallons for usual usage. The board agreed to abate 274,111 gallons on their sewer bill.

Bid Out Ambulance

The Board approved accepting sealed bids for the 2005 Ford E-450 Ambulance. An advertisement will be posted on the web site and in the newspaper. Bids will be due March 25th.

Approve February 12, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Abbey Querrard to approve the February 12, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Shawn White. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passes.

Judy said we received the \$200,000 grant from InvestNH. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for April.

Scott Burns had a question about the water line for the lots next to Dollar General. Shawn said the issue is that is a private line and by ordinance you can't hook to it—the Town would need to accept responsibility of that private line.

A motion was made by Shawn White to enter non-public session at 7:15 p.m. pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II (e). The motion was seconded by Abbey Querrard. Roll call vote: Querrard: Yes; White: Yes; Tholl: Yes. Motion passes, 3-0. The board entered non-public session at 7:15 p.m.

The Board adjourned from non-public session at 7:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Shawn White and seconded by Abbey Querrard to seal the non-public session meeting minutes because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this Board. Roll call vote to seal the minutes: Tholl: Yes; Querrard: Yes; White: Yes. Motion passes, 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**Whitefield Economic Development Corporation
Whitefield, New Hampshire**

February 26, 2024

Board of Selectman
Town of Whitefield
Littleton Road
Whitefield, NH 03598

Subject: Notice of Dissolution of Whitefield Economic Development Corporation
(WEDC)-501(c)(4) Nonprofit

Dear Board of Selectman:

It is a mix of emotions that we write to inform you of the difficult decision our organization has made regarding its future. After careful consideration, the Board of Directors concluded at its February 21, 2024 meeting that the best course of action is the dissolution of WEDC.

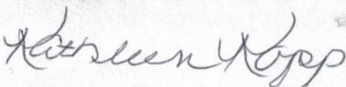
The decision was not made lightly. As you know we are an all-volunteer board. Our numbers have dwindled and we do not have enough members to help us fulfill our mission to "Improve the standard of living in Whitefield through community partnerships, business development, and innovative economic growth." The most responsible course of action is to dissolve.

We will be taking all the necessary legal and regulatory steps to ensure the proper and lawful dissolution of the organization. This includes compliance with all federal, state, and local laws governing nonprofits, as well as the guidance provided by the Internal Revenue Service.

As part of the dissolution process, we will be distributing our remaining assets to the Town of Whitefield. We want to express our deepest gratitude to the Town of Whitefield who has supported WEDC over the years.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Town of Whitefield. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,



Whitefield Economic Development Corporation
President, Kathleen Kopp
Vice President, Roxie Severance
Treasurer, Teresa Russo
Secretary, Sally Maroon