

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
December 30, 2024**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on December 30, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Town Hall for the End-of-Year meeting.

PRESENT:

- Jay Skellie..... Supervisor
- Travis Rea..... Councilman
- Carol Rich..... Councilwoman
- Jennifer VanDeWater..... Councilwoman
- Tim Grogan..... Councilman
- Molly Dixson..... Town Clerk
- Sean Carney..... Highway Superintendent
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer

Also present: Planning Board Members Michael Ammaturo and Mark Mahoney, Resident Ed Rouse, Superior Co-Op HVAC Owner Gerald Davis

RESOLUTION #123-24

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to accept the December 4th, 2024 Town Board meeting minutes as read.**

REPORTS

Highway – Supt. Carney was present to report on the Department’s activity over the month of December. The Highway Dept. plowed 6 times this month. They’re short one guy and have placed an ad in the paper for a replacement in the meantime. Supt. Carney has been looking into purchasing a hose machine for the shop to fix blown hoses.

RESOLUTION #124-24

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to purchase a crimper hose machine package from Kimball Midwest for the Highway Department for \$5,466.25.**

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA Funds Discussion – The Board reviewed different quotes and options for Town building improvements that will be paid out of the ARPA fund.

RESOLUTION #125-24

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve purchasing a backup generator for \$8,999.52 for Town Hall from Town ARPA funds.**

The Board discussed three different quotes for a heating system at Town Hall that will heat both the main room and the storage addition. The first quote of \$10,000 is for two small propane furnaces, one

for each room. The second quote of \$22,000 is for a furnace that will blow into both rooms that will cool the building as well. The 3rd quote of \$17,400.00 is for a heat pump with 2 units, one in each room, that will also cool the building. The two more expensive options would not require the air conditioner in the summertime but may still need a dehumidifier.

The owner of Superior Co-op HVAC just down the road on Route 22 in Jackson was present to answer questions about the heat pump system. He explained that the purpose of having two units is to manage capacity, so 1 unit can focus on heating and cooling and the other on dehumidification. He explained that it is more economical to have both units as opposed to one.

At this time, Planning Board member Michael Ammaturo was preparing to leave. The Board paused discussions on ARPA purchases.

RESOLUTION #126-24

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to appoint Michael Ammaturo to a 7-year term on the Planning Board effective January 1st, 2025 and concluding on December 31, 2031.**

RESOLUTION #127-24

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve purchasing a heat pump system from Superior Co-op HVAC for \$17,400.00 for Town Hall from Town ARPA funds.**

The Board discussed donations to local fire and safety departments now that building purchases have been discussed.

RESOLUTION #128-24

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to donate \$5,000.00 to the Cambridge, Salem and Shushan Fire Departments, \$5,000.00 to the Salem and Cambridge Rescue Squads and \$1,000.00 to the Easton Fire Department from the Town's ARPA funds.**

Assessor Position Discussion – Following the resignation of Town Assessor Chairman Amanda Weber earlier in the month that will go into effect January 1st, the Board will need to decide how to move forward with the 3-person elected Board of Assessors. The Board can either appoint someone to fill the vacancy in the interim until the next election, or create a local law to eliminate the elected board altogether and appoint or elect a sole Assessor. They will make a decision at the January 8th Organizational Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway Department Uniform Services – Superintendent Carney advised that the Highway Department would like to change uniform services from Century Linen and Uniform to Cintas. He

believes the Town can join on a State Contract with no additional fees. He will get more information on contract requirements for the next meeting.

Superintendent Carney requested an executive session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article Fourteen of the Civil Service Law.

2:26 PM

RESOLUTION #129-24

A motion by Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman VanDeWater; Resolution passed 5-0, **to move into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiations pursuant to Article Fourteen of the Civil Service Law.**

2:36 PM

RESOLUTION #130-24

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to close the Executive Session.**

Supervisors Report – There was no Supervisor’s Report for the month.

RESOLUTION #131-24

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the following budget transfers:**

- DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual Expense - DA5130.2 Equipment for \$466.25
- A1990.4 Contingent - A9030.8 SS for \$236.05
- A1990.4 Contingent - A3510.1 Dog Control for \$.04
- A1620.4 Miscellaneous - A1620.4 Telephone for \$95.70

RESOLUTION #132-24

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to approve the payment of the following bills as audited on December 30th, 2024, Abstract #12A and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	128-140	\$6,073.91
Highway	206-221	\$44,272.50
ARPA	12-19	\$27,549.66

RESOLUTION #133-24

A motion by Councilwoman VanDeWater, seconded by Councilman Grogan; Resolution passed 5-0, **to adjourn at approximately 3:00 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Molly Dixon, Town Clerk