Selectboard Special Meeting December 20, 2023 Town Office, 227 Justin Morrill Hwy, Strafford, 05072

Selectboard participants- John Freitag, Brian Johnson, Hannah Levinger, Jeff Solsaa In person participants- Curt Albee, Lisa Bragg, Shelby Coburn, Rocky Fuller, Anni Praetorius

1. Call to order at 6pm. Reading of Selectboard guidelines.

2. Land transfer for Town Office

The lawyers have everything that they need and the land transfer should be finalized by the end of the week

3. RFP

Peder Rude will circulate the RFP and the timeline will need to be adjusted by 10 days. Provision at the end of the RFP says that the Selectboard can choose the best proposal for the project and is not required to pick the cheapest bid.

Hannah moves to put out the RFP, Jeff seconds. All in favor, the motion passes.

4. Curt Albee Meeting with Steve Kredell

Lisa will make copies of the current flood map so Curt and Rocky can find the southeasternmost corner of the proposal. Building cost estimates continue to rise, so starting as soon as possible would be ideal in terms of cost.

5. The grant writers from the State, Peder Rude and Steve Kredell say it is uncommon for a town to approve the whole amount of a project and then apply for grants, typically the grants are secured before it goes to the voters. The only grant that has been able to be submitted so far is a Congressionally Directed Spending request for \$325,000 that is the Senate budget which awaits action for the House in Washington D.C.

6. John has stepped down as the Town Office liaison and Brian has been designated to work with the Committee on presenting the Town Office Project to the Town for a vote on Town Meeting Day. He will work with the Town Office Committee to discuss next moves.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54