TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE Selectmen Approved Minutes for Business Meeting of January 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Jim Jennison; Kathi Bradt; Ryanne Schoonover

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Town Administrator; Collin Crosby, Road Agent; Melinda Loiselle, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy Aron; Steve & Lori Murray; Anna White

CALL TO ORDER: Jim called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2021 FLOOD RESPONSE: Steve asked whether we should send a letter to the new Governor regarding the 50% the state owes. Consensus was this would be a good idea. Judy is meeting with DES tomorrow and while there she will check into this. Kathi suggested having a copy of the original letter sent to the Governor Sununu in their packets.

2023 FLOOD RESPONSE: Forest Road Bridge alternative: After some discussion and recommendation by Collin due to maintenance, he stated steel would be easier. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ryanne, the Board voted to go with the 1st option in steel. *Passed.*

MINUTES: On a motion by Ryanne, seconded by Kathi; the Board voted to approve the minutes. Passed.

BILL MANIFEST: On a motion by Ryanne, seconded by Kathi; *the Board voted to approve and sign with the addition of 723.06 for Irving. Passed.*

PAYROLL MANIFEST: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ryanne; the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

- Work report/work plan:
 - Collin said the Dodge has been a problem with the fan, shroud and radiator. They fixed it in house because Dodge couldn't get the part in a timely basis.
 - They have decided the wing can no longer be used on the Dodge; it will just be a regular plow on the front.
 - Collin asked about purchasing a thumb with 2024 funds that are still available. Charlotte mentioned that if the Board approves this, she will add it to the bill manifest and cut the check tomorrow. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; the *Board voted to approve purchasing this with 2024 funds. Passed.*
 - Collin said the new truck is running great.

PLANNING BOARD UPDATE: None

CONSERVATION COMMISION UPDATE: None

PUBLIC: None

ACTION ITEMS:

 <u>Report of Cuts</u>: R Miller M257 L4; O Bassinne M236 L8, M239 L5&6 - On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ryanne; *the Board voted to approve and sign both. Passed.*

DISCUSSION:

- <u>Walpole's consideration to withdraw from the school district email:</u> Consensus was to see if they can have the presentation at the next Selectmen meeting.
- Kathi said a resident asked if we could have police coverage by the Town of Alstead. Ryanne said Langdon reached out to them about this in this past, and the taxpayers didn't want to do this. She said Alstead has increased call volume and limited staff so she wasn't sure if they would have the capacity to do this, but something we could look into.

On a motion by Ryanne and seconded by Kathi; the Board voted to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Passed.

Respectfully submitted, Charlotte Comeau Town Administrator