

Minutes
Board of Selectmen Meeting
April 11, 2017

Members of Selectboard present: Chairman Stubbings and Randy Subject
Selectwoman Mertz was absent from meeting.

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. He announced the meeting would be recorded solely for the purpose of accurate minutes and further stated that others in the room may be recording, but not declared that fact.

There are a number of Veterans in town that attend our meetings. Chairman Stubbings and Bernie Marvin agree it would be nice to allow other veterans the opportunity to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Gary Hebert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Department Head Updates:

EMD- Bernie Marvin said now that winter is over; there will be a weather summit on hurricanes coming up soon. The 4th Hazard Mitigation meeting will be held on April 17th. The reimbursement check should be arriving soon. Susan Belyea, Bookkeeper, will let Mr. Marvin know when it does arrive. Mr. Marvin will be participating in a webinar by NHMA pertaining to parade safety.

Police Department- Chief Hebert stated his blotter and stats were available on the table. The cruiser has some LED lights that need replacing. They are all under warranty and have been ordered. The speed trailer needs batteries, once installed the trailer will be going back out on the road.

Road Agent- Frank Rodimon reported the new one-ton truck should be delivered during the second week of May and will go right to HP Fairfield for set-up. The dump truck is in Newport needing to be hooked to the diagnostic machine to see what the problem is. Grading roads has started.

Fire Department- Tim Cole reported they have four MSA air packs coming that were used as demos in Boston so they may have a few nicks and dings, but are like new. They have four others coming that were donated from the Corinth Fire Department. The Piermont Fire Department will start doing some controlled grass burning.

Town Grounds- John Metcalf said clean-up of grounds and sweeping of the parking lot will start as soon as things are dry.

Parks & Recreation-There is serious weed growth on the ball field. The Board agreed to allow him to contact Jim at Northeast Ag to take a look, at no cost, and see what he recommends.

Sewer District- John Metcalf reported good attendance at the Sewer User's Meeting held the previous evening. They discussed ways to keep user costs down while maintaining a system that will last. A Sewer User Advisory Committee was formed with Fred Shipman, Matthew Hogan, and Michael Hogan agreeing to serve. There will be a meeting held in the Old Church Building on April 24th at 7 PM.

Cemetery- Clean-up will begin as soon as things dry out. The cemeteries will open on April 22nd.

Mr. Metcalf commented on the fire department grass burning and mentioned Lover's Lane and the closed landfill area would benefit from it as well.

Transfer Station- Wayne Godfrey submitted a monthly report in his absence.

Town Clerk- Bernadette Ratel submitted a monthly report in her absence.

Supervisors of Checklist-Sam Rounds reported they need a locking filing cabinet to keep in the Old Church Building to store their records.

Bookkeeper- Susan Belyea stated that she has been working on the 2017 Inventory of Taxable Property forms.

Administrative Assistant- Jen Rugar had no update at this time.

ZBA-Helga Mueller reported Camp Walt Whitman's request to hold Family Camp was approved. It will take place after the 7-week camping season and is limited to 300 total participants, including staff.

Planning Board- Helga Mueller stated they are working on a requirement for all buildings to be subject to a building inspection. It will go before the town in 2018.

Conservation Commission- Helga Mueller stated things are quiet.

Library- There will be a program in the Old Church Building on Thursday April 13th at 7 PM.

Historical Society- Helga Mueller gave an update on the 1905 jail cell that has been restored after being rescued in 2008. Chairman Stubbings read a letter the Board received from Fred Shipman, Historical Society President. In the letter, Mr. Shipman asked the Board's permission to construct a shelter for the jail cell. The project will be at no cost, as Jared Shipman has offered to donate the materials and labor. Chairman Stubbings made a motion to approve the request. Selectman Subject seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Agenda Item #4- The Agenda stated HEB/FEMA letter. This actually needs to be a final reimbursement request in regards to the Indian Pond Rd Bridge Project. Chairman Stubbings will verify the amount and a request will be drafted.

Board Appointments- Chairman Stubbings reviewed the list of Planning Board, Zoning Board and Conservation Commission members that are up for reappointment. All members that are up for reappointment have indicated they are interested in continuing to serve on their respective boards. Planning Board- Barbara Fowler, Peter Fullerton, Diane Kircher; ZBA- Helga Mueller and Charles Brown; Conservation Commission- Helga Mueller and Eric Underhill. Chairman Stubbings made a motion to appoint them en masse. Selectman Subject seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed 2-0. Chairman Stubbings made a motion to appoint Rebecca Bailey as Alternate Member for Planning Board. Selectman Subject seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0. Planning Board and ZBA are still in need of one more Alternate member.

Public Input During Work Sessions- Chairman Stubbings stated he would be in favor of allowing public input during Work Sessions if it was brief and directly relating to items on the Agenda. Selectman Subject expressed his concerns that public input would interfere with the Board getting work done during these sessions. After a brief discussion it was decided public input will not be added to work sessions.

Public Input: Rebecca Bailey stated that she has set up a Listserv for Piermont as another way to provide important information to Piermont residents. Ms. Bailey gave an overview of what a Listserv is and how it works. Ms. Bailey explained that she and Ashley Ricker are the moderators for the Listserv, but do not have control over what is posted, there are guidelines that should be followed. To subscribe send a blank email to: piermont-subscribe@lists.vitalcommunities.org

Minutes from April 6, 2017 were reviewed by the Board. Corrections were made. Chairman Stubbings made a motion to accept as amended. Selectman Subjeck seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed 2-0.

Sam Rounds asked if all abatement requests have been completed. Susan Belyea, Bookkeeper/Assessing Clerk responded to the question stating that they have all been sent to Avitar Associates for review and recommendations, but we have not received them all back yet.

Selectman Subjeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Others present for the meeting (from sign-in sheet)- Sam Rounds, Rebecca Bailey, Bernie Marvin, Diane Stelzner, Helena Saarion, Donald Mitchell, Walter Rodimon, John Metcalf, Helga Mueller, Tim Cole, Frank Rodimon, Gary Hebert, Susan Belyea

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Rugar,
Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen:

Colin Stubbings, Chair

Randy Subjeck

Terri Mertz

Approved: 4/20/17