

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday April 25, 2017

Members of Selectboard present: Chairman Stubbings, Randy Subjeck and Terri Mertz

Chairman Stubbings welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He announced the meeting would be recorded for the sole purpose of accurate minutes and further stated that others in the room may be recording, but not declared that fact.

US Army Veteran Heather Subjeck led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Stubbings moved down to Item #5 on the Agenda to allow Liz Kingsbury to speak regarding the need for a new fence around the ballfield. Mrs. Kingsbury read a statement written by her husband, Jamie. The funds will come from the Recreation Department and fundraising. Selectwoman Mertz made a motion to approve. Selectman Subjeck seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Departments' Input:

Police Department- Chief Hebert reported the repairs/replacement of lights on the cruiser have been done. The batteries in the speed trailer have been replaced and the trailer will be going out during the spring and summer months. Chief Hebert reported the Safety Committee discussed the outside light at the Town Office is not working. The Safety Committee also discussed the installation of cameras at the transfer station and town garage. The cameras for the Police Department are outdated and will be replaced with high definition, wide-angle cameras.

Fire Department- Chief Henry stated there have been 22 calls to date including car accidents, medical calls, downed trees across the power lines and a structure fire in Bradford, VT. The department did some controlled burning on Lover's Lane and the closed landfill. The Fire Department will be participating in training at Twin State School during the first weekend of May where they cover car extrications, pumping, and rescue. The Indian Pond fire pond needs maintenance done on the pipe.

Town Grounds-John Metcalf reported that clean-up is completed on town grounds, cemeteries, and the ballfield. Mr. Metcalf asked if the land where the Town Common was is still owned by the town. Chairman Stubbings replied that yes, it is still owned by the town. Mr. Metcalf also spoke about having the water tested in the pool in the hopes of avoiding the growth of algae this year. The fence in the outfield of the baseball field needs repair. The Fire Department did a nice job doing the controlled burn at the closed landfill.

Friends of Piermont- Abby Metcalf stated there will be an Arbor Day program held on Friday April 28th, with members of the Piermont Village School Student Council planting two cedar trees at the Cedar Grove Cemetery on Church Street to replace the two that were damaged.

Treasurer- Heather Subjeck submitted the monthly Treasurer's Report. There were copies available on the table. Mrs. Subjeck stated she is working on her report for next month as she will be out of town for a week during May. Chairman Stubbings asked for the Board to be notified of the dates she will be out of town so the audit can be scheduled accordingly. Mrs. Subjeck replied she will be unavailable May 21st-27th.

Bookkeeper/Assessing Clerk- Susan Belyea submitted the Detailed Expenditure Report for March and stated the accounts payable manifest is ready to be signed by the board.

Supervisors of Checklist- Helena Saarion had no comment.

Sewer District Advisory Board- Selectman Subject spoke about the first meeting of the group. They elected the following officers: Fred Shipman as Chairman, new member Maryellen Treadway as Secretary, John Metcalf will attend as Operator, Randy Subject is the Sewer Commissioner Representative. Mike Hogan, Sr. and Matt Hogan are members on the board. At the meeting they discussed the issue of the Hogan's residence not being hooked to the system and the possibility of using dye and/or cameras to look at the connections for the Lecesse and Stackhouse residences.

Administrative Assistant- Jen Rugar submitted Intent to Cut for Map 20 Lot 30 and stated the property taxes are current. Chairman Stubbings made a motion to sign the Intent to Cut. Selectman Subject seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Property Paperwork- Town Council provided the Board with paperwork to review regarding a property transfer that had previously had an incorrect change in ownership. Chairman Stubbings gave an overview of the situation and stated he will be meeting with the former property owner over the weekend to have the paperwork signed.

PA System- Chairman Stubbings explained the need to replace one of the leads for the system we have for \$15.00 and has compared prices on wireless microphones. Chairman Stubbings stated we can purchase a system for \$200.00 that will suit the needs for the Town's use for recreation and community events such as the Memorial Day program. Selectman Subject made a motion to approve the purchases. Selectwoman Mertz seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Letter from Mr. DiPietro- The Board received a complaint regarding the lack of minutes available for the Planning Board, ZBA and Conservation Commission meetings. The complaint cited the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and The Right-to-Know Law. Jen Rugar, Administrative Assistant, stated that she had forwarded the email to the various chairmen and received positive feedback. The minutes will be posted on the webpage in a timely fashion beginning very soon.

Public Input: Heather Subject asked about the Freedom of Information Act request and was told there has been an ongoing issue with having all of the meeting minutes available.

Abby Metcalf said there had been complaints from several people that were unable to hear during Town Meeting. She asked if the PA system would be available to be used for Town Meeting, if needed. Chairman Stubbings replied that it would be available for town, community and school events. Mrs. Metcalf also asked what information the auditors will need. Chairman Stubbings replied that he will let her know as soon as the Board of Selectmen is made aware of the exact dates and required information for the audit.

Fire Chief Bruce Henry voiced his concerns regarding communication between the Fire Department and the Police Department in responding to emergency calls. Chairman Stubbings suggested it be discussed during an upcoming department head meeting.

On behalf of a Facebook viewer, Rebecca Bailey asked Chief Hebert which calls he responds to. Chief Hebert explained that he responds to all calls that come in while he is on duty and responds to motor vehicle, domestic and other criminal calls whether on duty or not, but does not respond to medical calls that occur while he is not on duty.

Abby Metcalf asked if there has been any consideration of Mutual Aid when the bridge between Piermont and Bradford, VT is closed for repairs. The dates of bridge work/closure will be provided to Fire Chief Bruce Henry for follow-up.

The Minutes from April 20th were passed over until May 4th to allow a selectperson to complete verification of those minutes.

Selectwoman Mertz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. Selectman Subjeck seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Others present for the meeting (from sign-in sheet)- John Metcalf, Abby Metcalf, Bruce Henry, Heather Subjeck, Rebecca Bailey, Peggy Fullerton, Helena Saarion, Gary Hebert, Liz Kingsbury, Ed Wood, Susan Belyea

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Rugar,
Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen:

Colin Stubbings, Chair

Randy Subjeck

Terri Mertz

Approved: 5/4/17

