

Board of Selectmen
May 23, 2017

Members of Selectboard present: Chairman Stubbings and Randy Subject

Chairman Stubbings welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:02 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.

Retired Marine Bernie Marvin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Departments' Input:

Road Agent- Frank Rodimon stated that he has ordered new signs to replace the stolen Town Line signs as well as new "Children at Play" signs. Mr. Rodimon suggested keeping the signs covered when not in use so people will not get used to seeing them and they will have more impact. Grinding will continue on Indian Pond Road.

Chairman Stubbings thanked Mr. Rodimon for providing signs to slow traffic by the baseball field during practice after there were safety concerns reported.

Bernie Marvin- A formal invitation to the Memorial Day observances was given to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Marvin reported everything is all set for the parade and he is just hoping for nice weather Sunday and Monday.

Fire Department- Tim Cole stated that things are quiet in the Fire Department. They will be participating in the Memorial Day parade.

Town Grounds-John Metcalf reported that he is keeping the grass mowed for the Memorial Day observances. The sewer plant is operating as it should. They have been able to change one bed and have finished pumping manholes and D-boxes. The pool does need some maintenance, but the water level has been too high. Mr. Rodimon and Mr. Metcalf will work on pumping some of the water out to allow for the maintenance. Mr. Metcalf asked if anyone knows why there is a stake with a red flag located where the Town Common was. Mr. Rodimon said he will look into it.

Tax Collector- Ceil Stubbings stated she is getting ready to send out lien notices, sewer bills and property taxes.

Bookkeeper/Assessing Clerk- Susan Belyea submitted two letters to property owners for the Board to sign regarding their abatement requests.

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

ZBA-Helga Mueller stated the application for a variance from Mr. Philip Allen was denied. The ZBA has an application regarding the installation of solar panels they are working on now.

Supervisors of Checklist- George Mertz stated they are still looking into a locking filing cabinet for their files, to be kept in the Old Church Building. After a brief discussion , it was determined that a fireproof 4-

drawer unit would be suitable to be put in the corner of the Old Church Building in the area used by the Supervisors of Checklist during elections. Chairman Stubbings said it can be ordered through the BOS office. Mr. Mertz also asked to have the electrical outlet they use for four laptops during elections to be upgraded to a multi-plug grounded outlet. Chairman Stubbings stated we can have it looked into.

Letters of Interest- Chairman Stubbings stated the Board had received letters from four people expressing interest in filling the vacant position on the BOS. He gave a brief overview of each letter and stated the Board will make an appointment at the next work session.

Sewer Tax Unit Reduction- Chairman Stubbings read the ordinance and gave an overview of how sewer user charges are calculated. There was a brief discussion with John Metcalf, Sewer Operator. Susan Belyea, submitted the Sewer Tax Warrant to the Board for review and signatures. Selectman Subjeck made a motion to approve the Sewer Tax Warrant. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Chairman Stubbings read a letter from DES regarding the requirement for additional testing to be done at the closed landfill. After a brief discussion, Jen Rugar was asked to follow up with Jim Ricker at Nobis Engineering to see if the additional testing can be done next year to allow the cost to be included in the budget.

Chairman Stubbings read a letter from Karen Garrigan stating she did not receive her tax bill in the mail and is requesting the interest be removed from her tax bill. She did not realize she had missed a payment until receiving the late notice with interest added. Chairman Stubbings stated again that it is the responsibility of the taxpayer to pay their bill on time. After a brief discussion, Selectman Subjeck made a motion to deny the request. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Public Input: Chairman Stubbings asked Diane Stelzner if she had something to bring up to the BOS regarding emails that she had sent. Ms. Stelzner declined and stated she would be submitting an Agenda Request form for the June 13th meeting. Chairman Stubbings replied they will wait to receive it and see what it says.

Abby Metcalf asked about the new one-ton truck. Frank Rodimon, Road Agent showed a picture of the truck and gave an update. Mrs. Metcalf also inquired as to why there is no wreath placed at the Cross-Rodimon Cemetery for Memorial Day. The response was that there are no veterans buried in that cemetery.

The Board was asked by Abby Metcalf how they will choose a person to fill the vacancy on the BOS. Chairman Stubbings replied they will meet with those interested and make a decision.

Tim Cole stated he attended the pre-construction meeting regarding the repairs planned for the Piermont-Bradford Bridge. The project is planned to begin August 8 with traffic being limited to one-way. The bridge will be completely closed during September 4-22. There will be many signs put up to make people aware.

Helena Saarion had questions regarding property tax bills and made suggestions regarding how to remind taxpayers to pay their bill.

Roy Belyea asked the BOS if it is possible to have the culvert located near his home looked at when the bridge project is being done.

The Minutes from May 18th were reviewed. Jen Rugar pointed out one punctuation error. Selectman Subject made a motion to approve minutes as corrected. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Selectman Subject made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Others present for the meeting (from sign-in sheet)- John Metcalf, Abby Metcalf, Donald Mitchell , Tim Cole, Diane Kircher, George Mertz, Diane Stelzner, Helena Saarion, Bernie Marvin, Frank Rodimon, Susan Belyea, Helga Mueller, Ceil Stubbings

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Rugar,
Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen:

Colin Stubbings, Chair

Randy Subject

Approved: 6/01/17