

Minutes
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday July 25, 2017

Members of Selectboard present: Chairman Colin Stubbings, Selectmen Randy Subjeck and Donald Mitchell

Chairman Stubbings 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.

Veteran Bernie Marvin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jordan King, Forester- gave an overview of his background; both educational and professional. He explained what he can do for the Town of Piermont in regards to timber cuts and current use properties. His rate is \$40/hour and would be available as needed. Chairman Stubbings stated that previous Boards of Selectmen had discussed having a forester come in and do random checks on timber cuts in town. The town relies on the information provided by the loggers and landowners to calculate timber taxes. Although Piermont does not typically have many, we do have some timber cuts. Mr. King answered a few questions from the public and the Board.

Departments' Input:

EMD- Bernie Marvin stated that during the storm debriefing they discussed what was done and what can be done in the future to facilitate community outreach; as it is our responsibility to reach the most vulnerable of residents during storms or other emergency situations.

Mr. Bernie Marvin and Mr. Tim Cole, Deputy EMD attended the Lake Armington Association annual meeting. During the meeting they discussed ambulance service and storm response.

The vacant office space above the fire station is being looked at as a potential office and EOC for EMD.

Mr. Marvin is working on a new program for better community involvement and accountability during future storms and emergency situations. New radios and lights for the road equipment are coming.

There will be a Safety Meeting at 10 am on Thursday.

Road Agent- Frank Rodimon stated the orange truck died again, he hopes to have information on it by noon Wednesday. Mr. Rodimon did take delivery of the new one ton truck. Six new LED lights are being put on the grader. They have been working on filling in ditches on Indian Pond Rd. and other storm related work.

Mr. Rodimon answered a few questions from a member of the public regarding the town trucks.

Chairman Stubbings stated that the list of SB 38 funds to be dispersed to towns is out. Piermont is to receive \$31, 354.59 to be used for road projects and for Mr. Rodimon to be thinking about where he can put the funds to good use.

Fire Department- Tim Cole stated there had been a report of a burn barrel with four-foot flames on Rte. 25C. When asked to put out the fire, the response was that it was a grill.

Town Grounds-John Metcalf reported that mowing is ongoing, the Piermont Pool is Open and he has spoken to Jamie Kingsbury about taking the baseball fence down soon. John Metcalf stated they found more Poison Ivy along the closed landfill, near the pool and the infield of the ball field. Mr. Metcalf asked for the Board's permission to use Round Up following the approved procedure. The Board agreed to the use.

Sewer- John Metcalf stated it is running as it should.

Friends of Piermont- Abby Metcalf stated the concert scheduled for August 19th at 5:30-7:30 PM will be held at the ballfield, with the Board's approval. The music chosen for this year's event is more suited to the ballfield. The Board agreed to the change.

Tax Collector- Ceil Stubbings had no update.

Treasurer- Heather Subject submitted the monthly report; copies were available on the table.

Transfer Station- In his absence, Manager Wayne Godfrey submitted a New Hire form to be signed and a closure plan for the Board to review and sign. Chairman Stubbings asked for more information. Administrative Assistant Jen Rugar agreed to talk to Mr. Godfrey.

Bookkeeper/Assessing Clerk- Susan Belyea was not in attendance due to illness, but had submitted the following:

Jared Shipman's Intent to Excavate- Selectman Subject made a motion to approve. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Stubbings read the recommendation from Avitar Associates regarding an abatement request from New Hampshire Electric Coop (NHEC). Selectman Subject made a motion to accept Avitar Associates' recommendation to deny the request. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Police Department- Chief Hebert stated that Alarmco is finishing up the Audio/Video update at the PD. Chairman Stubbings asked to clarify where the outdoor cameras will be located. Chief Hebert also stated he is expecting an estimate from Mike Tisdale regarding IT services for the PD.

Administrative Assistant- Jen Rugar had no update at this time aside from the information from Certified Computer Solutions regarding the status of town computers.

Sewer District Advisory Committee Update- The next meeting is scheduled for August 7th.

Manifest- The Board reviewed and signed the manifest.

Chairman Stubbings and the Board of Selectmen thanked the volunteers responsible for cleaning up the Piermont Pool allowing it to be re-opened.

The Board of Selectmen welcomed Heather Subject back.

Additional Items- Computer Update- Certified Computer Solutions submitted an estimate for work that needs to be done soon. Jen Rugar will ask them to submit an estimate for a monthly IT service contract.

2016 Assessment Review- Chairman Stubbings read the highlights of a letter from Stephan Hamilton, NH Department of Revenue Administration (NH DRA). The Town of Piermont is lacking in some areas. The report will be posted on the webpage.

HealthTrust has asked for a signed copy of the Agreement between Town of Piermont and HealthTrust for their files. The Agreement was originally signed by a previous Board in 2015. Chairman Stubbings stated he would like time to review the Agreement prior to signing it at the Work Session scheduled for August 3rd.

Public Input- Rebecca Bailey read a statement objecting to the Town of Piermont spending taxpayer money on a forester. There was a discussion between the Board and members of the public.

Helga Mueller asked questions about the EMD/EOC moving across the street to the fire station. Chairman Stubbings responded to the questions stating that the EMD equipment will be relocated.

Suzanne Woodard asked a question regarding the timber tax income for the town. Chairman Stubbings answered the question.

Approve Minutes July 20, 2017- The minutes were reviewed. Corrections were made. Selectman Subject made a motion to accept as amended. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Non-Public Session- Motion to enter: Randy Subject
Seconded: Donald Mitchell
Reason: RSA 91-A:3 II (c)
Entered at: 8.38 pm
Public Session Reconvened at: 9.00 pm
Motion to Seal Minutes: Randy Subject
Seconded: Donald Mitchell
Motion passed 3-0
Reason: Adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the Board

Non-Public Session- Motion to enter: Randy Subject
Seconded: Donald Mitchell
Reason: RSA 91-A:3 II (c)
Entered at: 9:02pm
Public Session Reconvened at: 9:29 pm
Motion to Seal Minutes: Randy Subject
Seconded: Donald Mitchell
Motion passed 3-0
Reason: Adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the Board

Public Session
Motion to adjourn: Randy Subject
Seconded: Donald Mitchell
Motion passed 3-0
Adjourned at 9:30 pm

Others present for the meeting (from sign-in sheet)- John Metcalf, Abby Metcalf, Rebecca Bailey, Peggy Fullerton, Walter Rodimon, Jordan King, Helga Mueller, Frank Rodimon, Tim Cole. Also present, not on sign in sheet- Heather Subjeck, Suzanne Woodard, Bernie Marvin. Ceil Stubbings & Gary Hebert-late arrivals

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Rugar,
Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen:

Colin Stubbings, Chair

Randy Subjeck

Donald Mitchell

Approved: 8/03/17