

Minutes
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday January 4, 2016

Selectmen Present:
Robert Lang, Colin Stubbings and Randy Subject

The meeting was called to order @ 7:06 pm by Chairman Lang.

Chairman Lang announced that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of accurate minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance – The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Highway Department – Frank Rodimon reported the International Truck has been out of commission since Saturday (January 2, 2016). S.G. Reed came and picked the truck up and brought it to their shop. Reed looked at the vehicle today, but was unable to determine what the problem was. They stated they will have a definitive answer for Mr. Rodimon by noon tomorrow. Mr. Rodimon said he had ordered the first load of road salt for this year. Mr. Rodimon asked the Board if they still wanted to do anything with the waterline to the ballfield. Chairman Lang said they are still looking at the budget figures for 2016. The Board also asked Mr. Rodimon to get the estimate in writing before proceeding with the repair. Selectman Stubbings asked if Mr. Rodimon was still maintaining the generators. Mr. Rodimon said he was.

Police Department – Chief Hebert gave the Board his monthly blotter and statistics for December 2015. Chief Hebert stated he has received his 2015 statistics reports and will be putting together a year to year analysis for the next Selectmen's meeting. The statistics are up significantly from last year. Chairman Lang noted these figures will play into the charges for the dispatch fees. It was noted Corporal Blanchard had worked only 531 hours in 2015. Chief Hebert stated he is still waiting for his DD200 Forms to be reviewed before he can submit his final 1033 inventory. Selectman Stubbings said he believes the Board already submitted reports for the missing items last January.

It was stated Ms. Collins would need to run another manifest for 2015 invoices so Chief Hebert and any other department head will have until Thursday January 7, 2016 to submitted invoices otherwise the items will need to be encumbered.

Treasurer – See attached report.

Executive Assistant – Ms. Collins informed the Board she was working with Erica Lussier, the Town's auditor on a few remaining audit issues. She has been doing a lot of filing in the office, but there is still more that needs to be done. The focus for the month will be working on W-2s, 1099s and IRS reporting. Ms. Collins noted that the lease on the School Lot had been paid for 2016. Ms. Collins mentioned that she was looking into getting information from the Fire Department on their pagers and who they belonged to so she could compare them to the CVC Paging invoice.

Manifests

The Board reviewed and signed the manifest.

Old Business

Fuel Contracts – The Town has not received any bids from vendors.

Former Nelson Property Update – The Town is in receipt of the final payment from Thomas Elia for the former Nelson Property and the property deeds have been recorded at the registry.

Paul Anderson Letter – The Board received a reply from Mr. Anderson in response to letter to him. Chairman Lang has drafted another letter in response to Mr. Anderson's latest letter. The Board signed our letter.

Other Old Business – None

New Business

Eversource Grant – The Library is looking to improve the lighting in the Library. The trustees had someone review their lighting to see how much it would cost to upgrade their lighting. They also found out about a grant through Eversource, which they are considering applying for, but they wanted to know if the Board of Selectmen wanted to apply for the grant in conjunction with the library. Chairman Lang noted about three months ago this grant was brought the Board's attention and they had spoken with Roy Duddy from Eversource. The Town would be willing to apply, but the Board noted their priority right now is replacing the siphons at the sewer plant. The Board said they will assist the library in applying for the grant.

Library – The library will be putting new carpeting in the back room on January 22, 2016 and on January 25th in the front rooms of the library.

Boston Cane – Helga Mueller asked the Board if she needed to retrieve the Boston Cane from Flo Underhill's family. Ms. Collins informed her it had been returned to the office already. Ms. Mueller asked if the Board had decided who the next recipient would be. The Board said the cane would go to Irene Holloway and Ms. Mueller would contact Ms. Holloway to inform her that she would be the next recipient of the cane and set up a date and time for the presentation.

2015 Encumbrances – The Board will meet on Saturday January 9, 2016 to discuss encumbrances for 2015. The Board asked Ms. Collins to post notices about the meeting. The work session scheduled for January 16, 2016 will not be held. The January 9, 2016 meeting will take its place.

January 19, 2016 Meeting due to holiday – Due to the holiday on January 18th the regularly scheduled Board meeting was to be held on January 19th. Selectman Subject asked if the meeting could be moved to the 20th to avoid conflicting with the monthly School Board meeting. This was not possible because there is a Planning Board meeting on the 20th. The Board decided to hold the meeting on the original date, January 18th.

Budget Hearing – January 27, 2016 @ 7:00PM – The 2016 Budget Hearing has been scheduled for January 27, 2016 @ 7:00PM in the Old Church Building.

Report Deadlines – Town Report – All department head reports for the annual Town reports will be due on January 22nd.

Raffle Permit – Lake Armington Association – Ms. Collins informed the Board that Carlos Manrique was supposed to send her a revised copy of the raffle permit because the raffle dates were incorreced and the Lake Armington Association wanted to add additional members as solicitors, however she had not received the revised permit prior to the meeting. The Board asked Ms. Collins to update the permit she had to reflect the changes she discussed with Mr. Manrique. The Board signed the revised permit.

Other New Business – The Recycling Center has applied for and been approved for a grant for two dumpster covers. Mr. Godfrey asked if the funds for the covers could come from the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Expendable Trust Fund. Chairman Lang moved to take \$2,235.00 from ETF to pay for the dumpster covers. Selectman Subjeck seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Selectman Stubbings has finally received an e-mail back from Richard Labrecque at Eversource. Mr. Labrecque has confirmed that Eversource customers who sign up with Kelly Sackheim as the supplier of their electricity will not lose their default status with Eversource. Chairman Lang asked Selectman Stubbings to give Ms. Collins a copy of the email he received for the file. The Board said to contact Ms. Sackheim and let her know we are interested in signing with the hydro group net metering.

Public Input – None

Minutes – The minutes from the December 21, 2015 Board of Selectmen’s meeting were reviewed and corrections were made. Chairman Lang moved to accept the minutes as amended. Selectman Subjeck seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Lang moved to adjourn from the regular meeting at 9:00pm. Selectman Subjeck seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer L. Collins

Board of Selectman
Robert J. Lang

Approved:

Members of the Public Present at the general meeting as recorded by “sign-in sheet” included: G. Hebert, F. Rodimon, H. Mueller, S. Belyea and J. Collins