

Draft Minutes
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday January 23, 2018

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

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and apologized for the late start. 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.

Chief Hebert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Departments' Input:

Police Department- Chief Hebert stated the re-inspection by Inspector Perry will be Wednesday at 9:30 am, an email was sent to all Department Heads and administrative personnel notifying each of the date and time. Safety Meeting will be Thursday January 25 at 10 am, notices are posted and an email with the Agenda was sent out.

Road Agent- Frank Rodimon stated we are still trying to get things wrapped up for FEMA. Regina (FEMA) notified us the timesheets we had submitted we not signed. Mr. Rodimon had emailed them from his laptop directly to Jen Rugar to upload into the FEMA grantee portal, not realizing they were unsigned. Mr. Rodimon submitted copies of Highway Department timesheets covering the dates of the July storm clean-up efforts for the Board to sign. Chairman Stubbings signed the timesheets; they will be given to Jen Rugar to upload.

Chairman Stubbings had a phone call from a concerned citizen stating they were unable to locate sand. Mr. Rodimon stated he received a phone call as well so he went to the town garage to provide assistance. The person that had called did not show up, but another resident did locate the sand without incident while Mr. Rodimon was waiting. The pile of sand is no longer under cover as it was in the past, so it may be wet and/or frozen, please plan accordingly.

McDevitt will be coming to look at the truck again on Thursday.

Friends of Piermont- Abby Metcalf stated there will be a meeting next week to discuss the "Meet the Candidates" supper.

Bookkeeper/Assessing Clerk- Susan Belyea submitted the manifest for review.

Manifest- The Board reviewed and signed the manifest.

Budget Hearing/Town Meeting Dates and Times- The Budget Hearing will be held on February 7th beginning at 7 PM. Town election will be Tuesday March 13 with polls being open 10 am – 6: 30 pm. Town Meeting will be Saturday March 17th beginning at 10 am.

VPN License- The Board had passed over any discussion on this at the previous meeting to allow for the full board to participate. After a brief discussion, Selectman Subject made a motion for the Board to purchase a license for additional 5 VPN connections. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Ambulance Coverage-The Board had passed over any discussion on this at the previous meeting to allow for the full board to participate. Chairman Stubbings gave an overview of the increase of \$783 in fees from Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid to provide additional ambulance coverage to East Piermont. Selectman Subject made a motion to accept the agreement. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Additional Items- Chairman Stubbings added the following:

Chairman Stubbings made updates to the list of encumbrances that had been omitted. They include \$202 for the new battery in the cruiser and the gasoline encumbrance of \$300. The total should be increased by \$502.

Mr. Mertz pay request is going to be processed as the matter has been resolved.

Chairman Stubbings stated that he met with Mr. Dion regarding the inventory penalty he was assessed and the increase in tax rate. Chairman Stubbings explained the increase and further explained that the Board is doing what they can to reduce costs.

Chairman Stubbings stated the Town had received a letter from Bob Giuda, State Senator NH District 2, which covers Piermont, explaining what he and the Senate have achieved. The letter will be available in the town office if anyone would like to read it. Selectman Subject requested that it be put on the webpage as well.

Chairman Stubbings read a letter that has been received from USDA in regards to issuing the Final Record of Decision on Northern Pass Transmission, LLC with construction. The letter will be available in the town office.

Selectman Subject stated that last week he and Bernie Marvin attended the quarterly meeting of Upper Valley Ambulance. They observed how things are done at the meetings and learned about a new program that UVA is starting for patients with ongoing medical issues.

Selectman Subject asked Abby Metcalf if she knew if the 7th & 8th grade students would be doing a bake sale during town meeting as a fund raiser for the Washington, DC trip.

Rebecca Bailey asked to clarify dates and times for the Budget Hearing and the polling hours for town election and Town Meeting.

Public Input-

Diane Stelzner stated the minutes hadn't been posted on the webpage. And questioned how long the timeframe is for approved minutes to be posted. Chairman Stubbings stated the minutes can be posted soon after they are approved and he will forward the information.

Abby Metcalf asked how the fees are calculated for ambulance fees. Chairman Stubbings stated the fees for Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid are based on assessed value of the area they cover, while Upper Valley Ambulance charges are per capita.

Minutes from January 18, 2018 will be reviewed at the work session scheduled for February 1, 2018.

Motion to adjourn: Selectman Subject

Seconded: Selectman Mitchell

All in favor, motion passed 3-0

Adjourned at 7:47 PM

Others present for the meeting (from sign-in sheet) – Frank Rodimon, Susan Belyea, Abby Metcalf, Rebecca Bailey, Diane Kircher, Heather Subjeck, Gary Hebert, Suzanne Woodard, Diane Stelzner

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Rugar,
Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen:

Colin Stubbings, Chair

Randy Subjeck

Donald Mitchell

Approved: