

Minutes
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday February 1, 2016

Selectmen Present:
Robert Lang, Colin Stubbings and Randy Subject

The meeting was called to order @ 7:05 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.

Safety Committee – Chief Hebert presented the Safety Committee report on behalf of Bernie Marvin. He stated the Library will be purchasing a stanchion for the crosswalk on Route 10. The school will be purchasing a flashing stop sign. Some of the other issues the Safety Committee discussed were; the handicap ramp at the Library, the panic buttons for the Town Office and the Selectmen's office space. There is a section of the handicap ramp at the Library that needs to be looked at and the Safety Committee wants to see the Selectmen's office rearranged so Ms. Collins does not have her back to the door. Chief Hebert wanted to know how soon this could happen. Selectman Stubbings said the new server should be in this week and the office would need to be reconfigured to accommodate it and then they can proceed from there. Chief Hebert noted that Town Employees need to have reflective safety vests on when they are performing their duties. All employees who need the vests have them, they just need to remember to put them on.

Police Department – Chief Hebert gave the Board his statistical report for January 2016. Motor vehicle stops are down a little bit. He stated he has been busy doing end of year reports that needed to be done during the month of January, which limited his patrol time. On January 1, 2016 there were some changes in the laws and it appears the State is looking to increase fines for violations rather than have violators go to court. There was an incident over the weekend, where a box truck tried to go up Piermont Heights Road and got stuck. Chief Hebert wanted to know if the Town Highway Department has an obligation to sand the seasonal part of the Class V road if the tow service doesn't provide that service. Chairman Lang asked to have Mr. Rodimon and Chief Hebert draft an outline of the scenario so it can be sent to Town Counsel for review.

Treasurer – See attached report.

Executive Assistant – Ms. Collins stated the W-2s and 1099-MISC forms had all been mailed. The 941 report and the unemployment compensation report have been completed and submitted to the IRS and the State of NH respectively. She is currently working on the Town Report. Ms. Collins stated the report is due to the printer by February 19, 2016. Chairman Lang asked Ms. Collins to draft the Town Warrant and send it to the Board for review.

Chairman Lang stated the Town had received a letter from the NHMA in regards to the Town's legal file. They are looking to destroy records unless the Town has any objections. Chairman Lang said he would call them to find out what they might have for Piermont.

Manifest

The Board reviewed and signed the manifest.

Old Business

Boston Post Cane Update – Chairman Lang and Selectman Subjeck along with the Historical Society President, Helga Mueller, presented the Boston Post Cane to resident Irene Holloway on January 28, 2016, which was Ms. Holloway's 90th Birthday. Ms. Mueller will do a write up on the presentation which she will put in the Journal Opinion and she will also send it to Ms. Collins to put in the Town Report and update to the Town Website.

Veillette Case Update – Chairman Lang stated the Veillette's have until February 12, 2016 to file their amended bankruptcy plan with the court.

Budget Hearing Update – Chairman Lang said the Budget Hearing went well. The budget for 2016 is down from last year.

Camp Walt Whitman Update – The Piermont Board of Selectmen will be in Littleton, NH on Thursday February 11, 2016 for mediation on the Camp Walt Whitman abatement appeal. The mediation session will start at 9:00 am. The trial date has been set for February 29, 2016 and will be continued on March 3, 2016 if needed.

Other Old Business – None

New Business

Other New Business – Ms. Collins had drafted letters to both Primex and Davis & Towle to request quotes for Property-Liability, Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Compensation insurance coverage since the Property-Liability Trust will no longer be able to provide coverage for the Town after June 30, 2016. Ms. Collins was unable to find a contact at Primex to direct the letter to. The Board asked her to see if she could find a contact and revised the letter and then they would sign them.

Public Input – Ms. Mueller asked the Board if they would help pay for some of the costs for the new stanchion the Library was purchasing. The Board said they would like to see pricing for the stanchion and then they will decide. Treasurer, Susan Belyea, asked the Board and Ms. Mueller what they would like to do with the Underhill Canoe Site cd when it matured this year. Ms. Mueller and the Board both agreed it should be put into an expendable trust fund instead of going back into a cd. Ms. Mueller said she needs to get permission from the Conservation Commission to officially make the change.

Clay Odell- Upper Valley Ambulance – Clay Odell, Executive Director of Upper Valley Ambulance (UVA), spoke to the Board about his organization. Mr. Odell noted UVA is financially stable, but has had some difficulties capturing all the 911 calls in their coverage area as a result other ambulance services have had to assist. Mr. Odell also talked about the history of UVA and how it was founded. UVA is a charitable organization and they receive revenues from a number of

different sources, which includes funding from member towns at a rate of \$36/per capita for 2016. Mr. Odell noted there has been an increase in simultaneous calls over the past couple of years, in which they have been able to capture about 40% of those calls. The other 60% of those calls were serviced by either Hanover Ambulance or Woodsville Ambulance through a mutual aid agreement. This year Woodsville Ambulance felt the excess calls to which they were responding to out of their coverage area were adding additional expenses to their budget which were becoming excessive and they felt they should be compensated in some way for the calls. As a result, they sent letters to both Piermont and Bradford, VT, which stated they would be charging the Towns a fee for calls in which they responded to in their Town. UVA has since spoken with both Woodsville and Hanover Ambulances and negotiated a fee that UVA will pay them for responding to mutual aid calls. Mr. Odell said this year UVA ambulance will cover the costs associated with the mutual aid calls, but going forward UVA will pass on the increase in their expenses to their member towns.

Public Input – Ms. Mueller said she has decided that the Town’s ballot box was issued by the State of NH in 1892. She wants to take a picture of it and send it in to the State. Ms. Mueller also suggested maybe the ballot box should be secured better between elections.

Minutes – The minutes from the January 18, 2015 Board of Selectmen’s meeting were reviewed and corrections were made. Selectman Stubbings moved to accept the minutes as amended. Selectman Subjeck seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Selectman Subjeck moved to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:22pm. Selectman Stubbings 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: S. Belyea, H. Mueller, G. Hebert, D. Mitchell, C. Odell and J. Collins