

Draft Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Work Session
June 1, 2017

Selectboard Members present: Chairman Stubbings & Randy Subject

Others present: Rebecca Bailey, Susan Belyea, Gary Hebert, Diane Stelzner, George Mertz, Suzanne Woodard, Ceil Stubbings, Donald Mitchell, Abby Metcalf, Tim Cole, and Bernie Marvin

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He stated that the meeting was being recorded for the sole purpose of accurate minutes and others in the room may be recording but have not declared that fact.

Chairman Stubbings thanked all those who participated in the town's Memorial Day observances, especially Bernie Marvin for making Piermont proud again.

Ceil Stubbings asked why the Pledge of Allegiance is not recited at work sessions. Chairman Stubbings replied that it was not suggested for work sessions when it was added to regular meetings. The Board agreed it is a good idea to have the Pledge of Allegiance at work sessions as well, so Retired Marine Bernie Marvin led us.

Susan Belyea, Assessing Clerk submitted six letters to property owners for the Board to sign regarding their abatement requests. Intent to Excavate submitted by Stacey Thompson was reviewed. Chairman Stubbings made a motion to accept. Selectman Subject seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Chairman Stubbings gave an overview of the requirements and process for filling a vacancy on the selectboard. After a brief discussion, Selectman Subject made a motion to appoint Donald Mitchell to the Selectboard. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Selectman Subject had recommendations from NHMA regarding verbiage to be used in the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual. Selectman Subject and Administrative Assistant Jen Rugar will continue working on the manual to be presented to the BOS for their approval at the next scheduled work session on Thursday June 22nd, not June 15th. The manual will then be sent to town counsel for their review.

Chairman Stubbings announced the Property Tax Warrant had been completed earlier in the week and was signed by the BOS. Selectman Subject made a motion to confirm approval of the Property Tax Warrant. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

A letter was written to the Piermont post office expressing concerns and hoping for a solution regarding several taxpayers stating they had not received their bills and were requesting the interest for late payments be abated. Selectman Subject made a motion to sign the letter. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0. Copies of the letter will be given to the tax collector and members of the Board.

Chairman Stubbings asked George Mertz for an update on the filing cabinet for the Supervisors of Checklist. After a brief discussion, it was decided that two two-drawer filing cabinets will be suitable. Mr. Mertz will order them and be reimbursed by the Town upon submitting a valid invoice.

Chairman Stubbings followed up on a letter from DES regarding additional testing requirements at the closed landfill site. We have been approved for the testing to be done in 2018 to allow for the additional cost to be included in the 2018 budget.

Chairman Stubbings had attempted to meet with Charles and Karen Brown regarding the closing of the Piermont Inn and their request for a reduction in Sewer User Fees. Although a time was established for a meeting, Chairman Stubbings received a message that he would be arriving later than they thought, so it will have to be rescheduled.

Chairman Stubbings heard from Frank Rodimon, Road Agent the “Children at Play” signs have been delivered and he plans to put them in place on Friday. Chairman Stubbings thanked Chief Hebert for placing the speed trailer by the baseball field to assist in slowing traffic during baseball practice and games.

Chairman Stubbings received contact information for a forester from Wentworth regarding conducting random checks on timber cuts in Piermont at a rate of \$40/hr. There was a brief discussion regarding the need to follow-up with loggers to be sure of accuracy reported on Return of Cut information. Chairman Stubbings asked Jen Rugar to follow-up with him to see if he would like to come to a BOS meeting to further discuss it.

The minutes from May 23, 2017 were reviewed. Selectman Subjeck made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Selectman Subjeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Rugar,
Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen:

Colin Stubbings, Chairman

Randy Subjeck

Approved: