

Board of Selectmen
Tuesday October 11, 2016

Select Board Members Present:
Randy Subject, Colin Stubbings, Terri Mertz

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Subject. The meeting will be recorded for the purpose of accurate minutes.

Mr. Marvin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Department Head Update:

EMD- Bernie Marvin –The first Hazardous Mitigation Meeting took place on October 3rd. There were 9 departments from Piermont represented as they discussed possible hazards such as weather, natural disasters or man-made. The next meeting will be held on November 7. The Lake Armington ambulance response program that Mr. Marvin and Mr. Cole have been working on has ended. They are waiting to hear from Lakes Region Mutual Fire Dispatch, regarding their decision to have a fee structure or not.

Mr. Marvin has been appointed to the Haverhill Area Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition based at Cottage Hospital. They have received a five-year grant and are working now to assign personnel. It is currently comprised of about 20 area folks and will serve the entire SAU 23. If you would like more information, let Mr. Marvin or Jen Rugar know.

Road Agent- Frank Rodimon

The material for the water line has been ordered. The distribution box may need to be relocated about 10 or 12 feet for safety reasons. Blaktop has run into some issues so the shouldering of Church Street will be done the old fashioned way. The black truck is not going to pass inspection at this point. McGoff's will look at it to see about taking it for salvage. Fall grading has started. Due to the dry conditions, not all roads will be done. The salt shed is completed and everything is back online.

Fire Department- Bruce Henry

Chief Henry reported there have been 25 calls to date this year. The School inspection will be on the 21st of October. Aubusson's Hardware has invited PFD back for their 2nd Safety Day. The department now has 17 members. The Fire Department has smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for anyone that needs one. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) opened today. The Chicken BBQ was a success. The water levels in the fire ponds are still low due to the dry conditions.

Town Clerk- Bernadette Ratel

Mrs. Ratel gave copies of her Clerk financials. She brought up an incident at the Town Offices on the morning of October 11 and explained the responsibility of the Town Clerk to maintain meeting minutes and to protect the privacy of DMV files. Mrs. Ratel stressed the need for unauthorized

persons to keep out of the Town Clerk's work area. Mrs. Ratel explained that she and Jen Rugar have signed agreements with the State regarding Diver Privacy.

Treasurer- Heather Subjeck gave an update regarding reconciliation of Town bank accounts.

Trustees of Trust Funds- Abby Metcalf

Mrs. Metcalf stated that she has received the quarterly report from Stifel regarding the accounts. She gave a copy to the Board.

Administrative Assistant- Jen Rugar

Mrs. Rugar stated that Camp Walt Whitman has provided the number of campers and staff for the 2016 camping season. The credit application for Michie Corporation will be filled out and submitted tomorrow as requested by Mr. Rodimon.

Approve Manifest- The manifest was not ready due to an issue with the BMSI Software.

Old Business- Chris Fournier from HEB has provided letters to the Board regarding a change order for the Indian Pond Bridge Project that need to be printed on Town letterhead and sent to NH-HSE and FEMA.

Roundup Policy – Selectwoman Mertz stated that although she sees nothing wrong with the policy as written, she will not sign it because she still disagrees with the use of Roundup. Selectman Stubbings made a motion to accept the Roundup Policy. Chairman Subjeck seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1

Selectwoman Mertz asked why items she had requested at 8:46 am today were not added to the Agenda for this evening's meeting. Chairman Subjeck clarified the process to have items added to an agenda for a Selectmen's Meeting or Work Session. Selectwoman Mertz stated there is no policy for documentation of Agenda items and she felt her items should have been added to the Agenda.

Public Input-

Suzanne Woodard commented there are two sides to every story and that different people see things differently.

Tim Cole commented that although he does not live in this town, he considers Piermont to be his Town. He asked how much the pending lawsuit is costing the Town at this point. Chairman Subjeck asked Jen Rugar if she had the figures. Jen Rugar replied that the total through August is \$7296.53.

Sam Rounds commented that maybe Piermont needs to catch up with changes in laws and maybe it has to cost money to do so.

Carlos Manrique commented on his disagreement with the new assessed value of his property by Avitar Assessing. He stated that he met with Avitar to discuss this and has hired an independent appraiser and will submit an abatement form. Several other taxpayers stated their displeasure with the current assessing company.

Approve Minutes- Minutes from September 27, 2016 were reviewed. Selectwoman Mertz's input was not included; as she had not returned from her Leave of Absence and was not present at that

meeting. Corrections were made. Chairman Subjeck made a motion to approve minutes as corrected. Selectman Stubbings seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Minutes from the October 6, 2016 Work Session were reviewed. Corrections were made. Chairman Subjeck made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Selectman Stubbings seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Non-Public Session – none

Motion to Adjourn - Selectman Stubbings made a motion to adjourn regular meeting. Motion seconded by Chairman Subjeck. Passed 3-0 Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Attendees (from sign-in sheet)- Helga Mueller, Diane Kircher, Barbara Stevens, Donald Stevens, Abby Metcalf, Heather Subjeck, John Metcalf, Donald Mitchell, Carlos Manrique, Bruce Henry, Helena Saarion, Suzanne Woodard, Sam Rounds, Greg Stelzner, Nancy Fagnant, Walter Rodimon, Bernadette Ratel, Rob Elder, Frank Rodimon, Bernie Marvin, Tim Cole

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Rugar

Board of Selectmen

Chairman Subjeck

Colin Stubbings

Terri Mertz

Approved: 11/03/16