



Town of Piermont

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Board of Selectmen

December 6, 2016

7:00 PM

Called to Order at 7 PM the meeting will be recorded for the purpose of accurate minutes.

Select Board members present: Chairman Subject, Colin Stubbings, and Teran Mertz

NH DOT David Scott- Rt. 25 Bridge Project-Following a discussion with public input, the dates for the Piermont, NH-Bradford, VT Bridge Project were decided. Although there is no good time to close the bridge, the least amount of impact on area businesses, schools, and residents seems to be late summer thru early fall. The project will likely start on August 21' 2017 and re-opening of the bridge will take place on September 22, 2017. During the work period there will be a required full closure of the bridge for a period of nineteen days. There will be a monetary incentive paid by the State for the contractor to complete the project ahead of schedule. During the remainder of the project there will be alternating one-way traffic. The Board reviewed and signed the Work Zone Agreement.

Selectwoman Mertz stated that she was absent from the November 22 meeting due to a death in the family. She thanked Jen R., Colin S. and Bernie Marvin for their expressions of condolence.

Resident Hal Covert expressed his displeasure regarding an alleged trespassing of a Dept. of Agriculture veterinary technician onto his property. There had been two verbal complaints regarding the unhealthy appearance of one or more of Mr. Covert's cows. Chief Hebert and a veterinary technician from Dept. of Agriculture responded to the complaints. Unaware of the boundary lines, the veterinary technician went onto Mr. Covert's property. After conducting the inspection, the vet tech. made the determination the conditions the animals were in was poor. A follow-up visit/inspection by the Dept. of Agriculture is planned for Wednesday December 7th. Mr. Covert also believes he is being harassed by Chief Hebert. Chief Hebert responded by stating the alleged harassment is for conducting motor vehicle stops for valid motor vehicle violations. Therefore, Chief Hebert feels this is an unfounded allegation.

Department Head Update-

EMD-Bernie Marvin gave an update on the contract that was received from WWAS. Mr. Marvin stated that a representative from WWAS is willing to come to a BOS meeting to discuss the details of the contract and have it signed. There is still a question regarding the legality of the Town to enter into another contract for ambulance coverage since there is an existing agreement with Upper Valley Ambulance. The Rescue vehicle, which has the AED and the repeater onboard, will respond to all fire department calls as of Monday December 5.

Road Agent- Frank Rodimon received a call from NHDOT District 2 requesting the manhole discovered by Matt Hogan at the end of his driveway be filled in. The manhole has been filled in; the project is now complete. There were two winter weather events this past week. The one-ton had a few issues this past week that have all been resolved.

Police Department- Chief Hebert stated that his optics have been ordered from a different source than originally planned. The cost is about \$70 less and the order is on the way. Chief Hebert has requested that any complaints in the future are to be done in a formal written manner.

Friends of Piermont- Abby Metcalf stated the Tree Lighting was held last weekend and was a success. They are already planning ways to make next year's even better.

Selectwoman Mertz addressed Selectman Stubbings regarding a problem she is having with the Administrative Assistant.

Administrative Assistant- Jen Rugar provided the Board with the contract renewal for Upper Valley Humane Society for review. Selectman Stubbings made a motion to sign contract renewal. Motion seconded by Selectwoman Mertz. Motion passed 3-0. Contract renewal with Upper Valley Humane Society was signed by the Board. Jen Rugar stated that the renovations in the town office are just about complete.

There has been a problem obtaining all the information needed to set the tax rate. The tax rate setting will be discussed at an Emergency Meeting to be held on Monday at 7 PM. Jen Rugar will post notice of the meeting.

Assessing Contract Update will be addressed in a work session.

The draft of the Junk Yard Properties Ordinance will be forwarded to the Planning Board for review.

The Board had not reviewed the Repurchase Deed for Ladd Property. It will be reviewed and discussed at next week's work session.

Approve Manifest- The manifest was reviewed and signed.

Public Input- There was a lengthy discussion regarding the authority of an individual member of the Board of Selectmen to have access to personnel files. There is an ongoing claim by Selectwoman Mertz that she is unable to do her job as a result of not having unfettered access to ALL files within the BOS office. It was stated repeatedly that an individual member of the

Selectboard has no authority to demand personnel files; a request for access to personnel files must come from the Board, not an individual. It was further clarified that Selectwoman Mertz, along with the other members of the Board, has all employee timesheets available for review at the time of reviewing the payroll manifest.

Police Chief Hebert commented about issues and complaints being brought up at a BOS Meeting.

Minutes from November 22, 2016 will be reviewed at the Work Session scheduled for December 15th.

Non-Public Session (if required)- None required

Selectwoman Mertz made a motion to adjourn regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Chairman Subject. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Members of the public present: (from sign-in sheet) Sam Rounds, Paul Gallerani, Roberta Gallerani, Helga Mueller, Bernie Marvin, Gary Hebert, Frank Rodimon, Tim Cole, Katherine Gaudette, Jeff Gaudette, Kate Morrill, Hal Covert, Abby Metcalf, Rebecca Reese, Taylor West, Susan Belyea (also present, but not signed in- Tamin Shansab)

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Rugar
Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen:

Randy Subject, Chair

Colin Stubbings

Terri Mertz

Approved: 12/16/16