

Minutes
Board of Selectman Meeting
Tuesday June 26, 2018

Members of the Selectboard present: Chairman Colin Stubbings, Selectman Randy Subject, Selectman Donald Mitchell

Members of the public present: Johnna Bishop, Rebecca Bailey, Peggy Fullerton, Suzanne Woodard, John Metcalf, Abby Metcalf, Diane Stelzner, Alex Nuti-De Diasi, Travis Daley, Frank Rodimon, Wayne Godfrey, Sam Rounds, Terry Robie

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7:02PM. 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.

Terry Robie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Stubbings had a 2017 Dwelling Unit Survey for the State of NH that he needed to give to Terry so that he could complete it and return it to the town office.

Department Heads Input:

HIGHWAY DEPT. – Frank stated that on Monday the 25th he had a meeting with FEMA. The highway dept. is now done with FEMA. They are going to be making a deposit of \$48017.11 directly into our account. It will come as a deposit from the State of NH. The money is federal funds, but it has to go through the state.

- Frank also noted that he has talked to BlakTop paving company regarding the intersection of Indian Pond Road and Route 25C. He asked the board about tearing up the first 75 feet and repaving it. The quote from BlakTop for the Indian Pond Project and the first 75 feet was \$42,900.75. He mentioned the paving is tentatively scheduled for July 19th & 20th.

- Mr. Rodimon also asked the board about buying a large culvert to replace the old one on Cape Moonshine Road. He said it would cost approximately \$1,300.00.

-Frank also stated he would be doing pit inspections and would have the report to The Board at the end of the week.

-Frank went on to say the people that are working on the coffer dam at Lake Armington will need to get rid of all that material once they've completed working on that project. He said that they highway department needs to raise up Cross Road to be higher than the brook. So the material coming out of the coffer dam project will be delivered on site as no cost to the town.

-Frank also noted UniFirst has agreed to reduce their bill by \$26.00/week.

-Mr. Rodimon went on to say the sand shed will be delivered Monday July 2. He has staked it out if anyone wants to go see where it's going.

- Frank also said he would be going to Newport, NH to pick up the post for the sand shed.

- Frank has reserved the mower but he wasn't given a date as to when it will be available.

Selectman Subjeck made a motion to accept Frank's suggestion and the BlakTop quote for the Indian Pond project and also the culvert replacement.

Selectman Mitchell seconded.

All in favor, 3-0

Motion passed.

TRANSFER STATION – Wayne had nothing new to report.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE – John said the cemeteries and the athletic fields are looking good. The pool is still closed. He took a sample today and brought it up to Woodsville. He will hear tomorrow what the results of the test are. If it passes then the pool will be open. At this time, Chairman Stubbings just said to keep an eye on it and continue retesting if necessary.

- John said he had received the rental bill from Thomson excavating for the use of their excavator. It was \$400.00

- At this time Chairman Stubbings told the Administrative Assistant to start looking into passes and sign up sheet for the Orford Pond.

- John added that some of his team helped Frank with raising the manhole covers and got them all spray painted and prepped for the paving project.

SEWER MAINTENANCE – Travis noted that he and John have finished inspecting structures. There were some drainage problems with some roads due to the way they were graded. He mentioned the pump has had some infiltration from sand going into it. Frank said he'd take a look at it. John added the ditch on the hill has been cleared out to help prevent drainage issues. John asked Frank and Travis if they both could be here when Mr. Ford from the State comes. They both said yes.

- Travis went on to say there was some storm damage in town. At the intersection of Route 25 and Route 10 the pipe is deteriorating and eroding the bank. There is a large Maple tree that is almost ready to fall due to drainage issues. Chairman Stubbings said the issues need to be written down so the state can have a look at them.

- Mr. Daley also mentioned he has heard from a Piermont resident who felt the sewer costs were too high. Chairman Stubbings explained that costs have gone up and the debt service is still there. The Sewer commissioners need to base the bills on what the budget is and they are trying to manage it the best way they can.

At this time John asked a question about Primex and the insurance for Travis. Chairman Stubbings said that Travis is classified as an employee and is covered under worker's comp. & public liability insurance.

FRIENDS OF PIERMONT – Abby noted the Friends of Piermont are planning their summer concert for August 18th at 5:30 PM. There will be a BBQ put on by the Fire Department and the Newmont Band will be playing.

TOWN CLERK – Chairman Stubbings said Bernadette had sent in the warrant for unlicensed dogs. It is currently at 27 dogs.

Motion to accept unlicensed dog warrant: Selectman Subjeck
Seconded: Selectman Mitchell
All in favor, 3-0
Motion passed.

ADMIN. ASS'T – Johnna said she is about completed with the back log of assessing filing.
- Consultant Matt Angell is only coming once a week now, on non-manifest days. They are working on getting the GL balanced with the bank account.
-Johnna also noted that she will be going to Littleton town offices for more BMSI training.

The Board reviewed and approved manifests.

Chairman Stubbings asked Johnna about the names of those interested in the CPR course. He asked her to look into a list. She said she would send out an email to all the department heads.

The Board reviewed the financial reports. Chairman Stubbings said that because they are just now having a chance to look them over, he will bring them up again at the next meeting.

Chairman Stubbings stated that last week they had addressed an email from Kelly Sackheim. Selectman Subjeck stated that he had emailed her, and has not yet gotten a response back, but that he does expect to.

At this time The Board had no additional items.

Chairman Stubbings asked for any public input.

Diane Stelzner addressed The Board. She stated that on June 25 she received an email from Mr. Stubbings regarding a right to know request that she had sent on May 22 for additional information with regard to the police cruiser damage. She went on to say that at a BOS meeting on January 9, Chief Hebert informed the board that the cruiser had been backed into by Mr. Subjeck. Both Mr. Subjeck and Chief Hebert gave details of the accident. Her question was why was there no documentation? Chairman Stubbings responded by asking what documentation she was looking for aside from what Chief Hebert already has. Mrs. Stelzner was questioning the quote for \$1,484.14 that is dated 4 days before the January 9th meeting. Her question was, why was there no mention of this quote in any previous meetings? Chairman Stubbings responded by explaining that it is in the January 9 meeting, because that is when Chief Hebert presented it to the board.

Mrs. Stelzner's next question was with regard to a February 28th letter from Primex. She asked the board why there was no discussion in any of the meetings about this letter? Chairman Stubbings answered her by explaining there was no further discussion necessary. That the letter just stated they are in receipt of a new claim.

Mrs. Stelzner next asked the board why there was no discussion at a meeting about receiving the \$424.14 or the \$1,000.00 deductible. She stated the total bill for the repair was reviewed by the board, who approved the manifest? Chairman Stubbings explained that the three board members individually went into the office to sign the manifest where the payment was approved. Mrs. Stelzner also requested a copy of the April 30, 2018 manifest.

Mrs. Stelzner went on to talk about a couple letters from Primex. She stated that the town had received a letter from Primex on May 2 stating that they did not receive a subrogation by Mr. Subject. She also noted in a letter dated May 10 from Primex that they had found Mr. Subject responsible for the damage to the police cruiser, and have requested reimbursement from Mr. Subject. Mr. Subject's attorney's letter states they reject Primex's subrogation demand. Her questions was why does the attorney's opinion hold more value than Primex's conclusion? Chairman Stubbings responded by saying he is not from Primex, he is not an insurance broker. He stated that Primex paid the claim, and they decided it was not worth the effort to pursue it any further.

Mrs. Stelzner went on to ask why has the town decided not to pursue payment from Randy Subject? Chairman Stubbings answered because they would have to go through litigation which would cost far more than the \$1000.00 deductible. Chief Hebert has put this cost into his budget.

Chairman Stubbings then said that Primex had issued a letter saying that they are not going to pursue that claim and that the cost is not worth it. Chairman Stubbings said all of Mrs. Stelzner's questions have been answered and there would be no more discussion about it.

At this time Chairman Stubbings let Mr. Rodimon have the floor to address the room. Mr. Rodimon stated that too much time and energy has been spent on this matter. He said we are employees of the town, the town is liable for their actions. We [the town] have employee, we have equipment. Things are going to happen. There will be errors in judgement, and there's going to be mistakes. They're called accidents. In his opinion Todd made a mistake. He [Todd] got too close to a piece of working equipment. Mr. Rodimon noted the cruiser was not taken out of service, damage was minimal, no one was hurt and it was a learning experience for Todd. As such, being a town employee and town vehicle, unfortunately the town is liable for things like this when their employees make mistakes. He went on to say had this incident happened in anyone else's driveway there wouldn't be such a big deal made out of it.

Mrs. Stelzner asked what the report said. Chairman Stubbings stated there was no report and that was a mistake aswell.

There was a brief back and forth discussion between Mrs. Stelzner and Rebecca Bailey.

At this time Chairman Stubbings closed the discussion pertaining to the damage to the police cruiser.

Mrs. Stelzner went on to ask why her request to put RSA 91 on the agenda was not done. Chairman Stubbings answered because her questions could be addressed in public input and did not need to be added as an agenda item.

Mrs. Stelzner additionally asked if the details of this meeting will be put in the minutes. Chairman Stubbings stated the Mrs. Stelzner has asked the town to look into a professional scribe for the town meetings. Chairman Stubbings said the minutes are accurate enough for what we need. He then read out from NHMA: Meeting Minutes 101. "The purpose of meeting minutes which is to promote openness in contact of public business, to ensure the best possible public access to actions, discussions, and documents. Meeting minutes must be kept permanently." He went on to say the cost of a professional scribe is \$15.00/hr. He has talked to other town's that use a scribe. It takes approximately 3-5 hours to do it. It's no different than what we have now. The calculation of 3-5 hours with 52 meetings per year, means that's roughly 156 hours at a cost of \$15.00/hour is \$2,340.00 based on 3 hour meetings. Some meetings go on for 5 – 7 or even up to 10 hours. Chairman Stubbings added a scribe is not worth while. The town gets adequate service now. Selectman Subject stated that we have everything RSA 91A says we need to have.

Chairman Stubbings also stated that Mrs. Stelzner has also recommended televising the town meetings. He said he looked into the cost of this as well, and the cost of it is just too great. The town is not willing to spend the money on this.

Mrs. Stelzner then added that she felt the use of a scribe would ensure the minutes get posted to the website in a more timely fashion. Chairman Stubbings responded by saying there is no requirement for the board to approve the minutes or for the town to post them to the webpage. He said that they are posted to the web page as a service to the residents of Piermont, and added the minutes are in the location they are supposed to be in.

At this time Sam Rounds asked who is managing the web page. Chairman Stubbings said that he is currently doing it until we can have a meeting on it to discuss how to do it better.

Abby Metcalf asked The Board what the status of the audits was. Chairman Stubbings said that we are waiting on finalizing figures for 2016. He noted that he had put a hold on it because he was not sure the figures are correct and there are reconciliations still being done.

Mrs. Metcalf went on to ask if there was anything in the works to replace Dalton Thayer. Frank answered there was not at this time.

Wayne Godfrey asked The Board about putting a box or something on the tax collector door under the envelope slot. Chairman Stubbings said they were going to look into it once before and even after requesting for this to be done, nothing occurred.

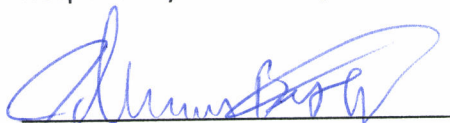
Chairman Stubbings asked for any other public input at this time. There was none.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 21st meeting.
Motion to accept minutes with changes: Selectman Subject
Seconded: Selectman Mitchell
All in favor, 3-0
Motion passed.

Chairman Stubbings asked if there was a reason for non-public. There was none.

Motion to adjourn: Selectman Subject
Seconded: Selectman Mitchell
All in favor, 3-0
Motion passed
Adjournment: 9:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Johnna Bishop
Admin. Ass't.



Colin Stubbings, Chairman



Randy Subject



Donald Mitchell

Approved: 7/26/2018