

Minutes

Board of Selectmen Meeting – Work Session

Thursday September 20, 2018

Board Members present: Chairman Colin Stubbings, Donald Mitchell. Absent: Selectman

Subjeck

Members of the public present: Wayne Godfrey, Frank Rodimon, Police Chief Gary Hebert, Fire Chief Bruce Henry, Diane Stelzner, George Mertz, Suzanne Woodard

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. He stated the meeting is being recorded solely for the purpose of accurate minutes and that others in the room may also be recording but have not declared that fact. He also stated that public input will not be allowed during a work session, unless agreed upon by a majority of The Board.

Chief Hebert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Stubbings said the first item for discussion was the Lily Pond Road posting, and asked Road Agent Frank Rodimon to speak. Frank said that he attended the Haverhill Board of Selectmen's meeting on Monday September 17. He said it was a very productive and pleasant meeting. The Haverhill BOS want to post a weight limit of 30 ton. Frank said he feels this would still let most trucks through and he is okay with this weight limit. He told the Haverhill BOS, that although he couldn't speak for Piermont's BOS, but he would endorse the decision to post Lily Pond Road with a truck weight limit of 30 ton.

Selectman Mitchell made a motion to accept Frank's recommendation.

Seconded by Chairman Stubbings

All in favor, 2-0

Motion passed.

Wayne Godfrey asked to talk to the Board about State grants. He spoke about the disposal of used oil. Wayne talked to the State, and he said there are grants available that we could apply for, up to \$2500 maximum. This issue came about because a resident had put something in their used oil that was not supposed to be in it, and dumped it into the used oil collection. Now the current company that was disposing of it for Piermont, no longer will. Wayne also said going forward, he will be purchasing oil test kits. With the test kits, he will have the ability to test the oil for contaminants first before it gets added into the used oil collection. He went on to say he has the application all filled out; he just needs the Board's permission to go ahead and send it in to the State.

Motion to accept Wayne's proposal: Selectman Mitchell

Seconded: Chairman Stubbings

All in favor, 2-0

Motion passed

The next item Chairman Stubbings addressed was the Board of Tax & Land Appeals has made a decision on the Manrique Family Trust v. Town of Piermont case. Chairman Stubbings read out a portion of this decision. It is the taxpayer's burden to prove the tax assessment was disproportionate. The BTLA has found this did not happen. The taxpayer has 30 days to appeal from that date of the decision.

Chairman Stubbings brought up the next item, which was the Department Head meeting. He asked Chief Hebert to speak about the meeting. Chief Hebert said one of the first items during the Department Head meeting was brought up by Johnna Bishop. Her question for the Board was regarding a time frame as to when she will be a webpage administrator. Chairman Stubbings said that as soon as the 2016 & 2017 audits were done, he would give that authority to her and send her to Notchnet for training.

Chief Hebert said the next items were from Abby Metcalf. Her first question to the Board was the status of a Deputy Town Clerk? Chairman Stubbings said the Town Clerk was asked to re-advertise the position and he hasn't heard anything more than that. Abby's next question was about the intent to cut process and the time lapse from when the Town receives and approves the intent to cut, to when the State Department of Revenue approves it. Chairman Stubbings read out reasons why the Board may withhold an approval. He also went on to say that once the Board has signed and approved the intent, he emails the form to the DRA the next day. He also stated it would be helpful going forward, if when the intent was received in the office, if the owner would provide their email address and that of the logger as well. That way, once the intent is approved, it can be emailed back to the owner and the logger.

Chairman Stubbings went on to say that reports of wood cut must be filed within 60 days of completion or by May 15, whichever comes first. If an extension is required then that must be in writing to the assessing officials prior to April 1 and could possibly allow cutting to continue through June 30 and reports are due by August 15. If the Town hasn't heard from an owner by June 2, we are to notify the State who is in default. If a taxpayer believes they have been over taxed, they can appeal to the BTLA. Chairman Stubbings, continued to add that penalties & doomage can be as much as \$2000 for non-compliance fines. The DRA has the authority to issue a cease and desist order to any operation not in compliance.

Chairman Stubbings brought up the next item on the Department Head's meeting, which was approving minutes quicker. He said the minutes are being approved every week. Chief Hebert said the issue is, there have been complaints that the minutes are not being posted to the website in a timely manner. Chairman Stubbings said the "draft" minutes are available in the office for anyone who wants a copy. The Board is only putting the "approved" minutes on the website because there are substantial differences in the two. He went on to say that he is usually the last one to sign them, then he takes them and scans them so that he can post them to the website.

Chief Hebert brought up the next item that was addressed at the Department Head meeting, which was switching the Fire Dept. and EMS to Hanover dispatch. Chairman Stubbings asked Chief Henry to elaborate on this issue. Chief Henry said he had talked to Twin State dispatch about what to do with the problems they are having regarding not being able to call out. Twin State suggested they get new radios. Chief Henry said they did that, and still the service was "very iffy". He added that calling Hanover is not a problem. He gave an example of a rescue he was at recently, where his radio calls to Twin State did not work, and he had to call Hanover first. Chairman Stubbings said he was not against looking at changing to Hanover, however the cost increase is 30%. He said they will need to look at putting it in the budget. Selectman Mitchell said he agrees with Chief Henry's point and the Board should consider looking into using Hanover dispatch.

Chief Hebert said the last item discussed at the Department Head meeting was the 911 status. Bernie Marvin was at the Department Head meeting and gave those in attendance a brief update. The suggestion made was, should the Town look into hiring an outside firm to complete this task? Selectman Mitchell said he has spoken with Bernie about this issue and Bernie has said he'd like to continue working on this task. Selectman Mitchell pointed out that even if the Town did hire an outside company, we're at least a year away from them being able to start, and that was only if the Town voted in favor of it. Chairman Stubbings agreed it was an important issue. He noted that at every Selectmen's meeting that Bernie attended, he gave the Board an update and noted the progress being made. Chief Hebert mentioned this issue was the number 1 item in the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. He went on to ask the Board, what has changed in the 3-4 years that Bernie has been working on this? What is the next step? And is there a time frame for it to be completed? Chairman Stubbings responded by saying yes, there should be a time frame and there have been some properties that have had changes. Both Chief Hebert and Chief Henry said they have not been made aware by the Emergency Management Department of any 911 address changes. Chairman Stubbings suggested that they can have a discussion with Bernie at the next BOS – Work Session meeting. Both agreed this was fine.

The next item Chairman Stubbings addressed was an approval for an Independent Septic Design System the Town has received from the Department of Environmental Services. It was for J. Bradley Simpson Map R18 Lot0008A-1, with an approval date of 9/10/18. There was no further discussion on this item.

Next, Chairman Stubbings said the Town has received a letter from the NH Department of Safety for the re-adoption of SAF-C9500 EMS rules. He went on to say that all other departments that this rule pertains to needs to respond to the State by 10/30/18.

In additional items, Chairman Stubbings questioned Frank about the location of the crosswalk on Route 10. Frank said it is where it's supposed to be. Frank went on to add that the hand rail at the Old Church Building will be installed Monday morning.

Chairman Stubbings addressed the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Planning Commission. The Town had received a letter from UVLSPC about the transportation 10 year improvement plan. Chairman Stubbings asked Frank if he had a chance to look over his copy yet, and Frank said not yet. Chairman Stubbings asked George Mertz if he'd be willing to be the member representing Piermont at the UVLSPC meetings. He said he would.

The next additional item Chairman Stubbings addressed was a letter the Town had received from the Town of North Haverhill. They want to hold a New Hampshire Municipal Association informational training titled "Effective Public Meetings" in North Haverhill. The total cost is \$550, that they want to split among the towns that are interested. The Board said they are interested, but would like more information.

The Board reviewed the minutes of September 6, 2018.
Motion to accept the minutes with changes: Selectman Mitchell
Seconded: Chairman Stubbings
All in favor, 2-0
Motion passed.

The Board reviewed thank you letters to people in town who helped with the ball field issue. They are Bob Mitchell, Abby Metcalf, & Steven Schmidt.
Motion to sign the letters: Selectman Mitchell
Seconded: Chairman Stubbings
All in favor, 2-0
Motion passed.

Chairman Stubbings said The Board had a reason to enter non-public. That reason being, RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such a person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Motion to enter non-public: Chairman Stubbings

Seconded: Selectman Mitchell

All in favor, 2-0

Motion passed

The Board entered non-public at 8:24 PM.

The Board reconvened a public meeting at 9:10 PM.

Motion to seal the minutes: Selectman Mitchell

Seconded: Chairman Stubbings

There was no further business to discuss.

Motion to adjourn: Selectman Mitchell

Seconded: Chairman Stubbings

All in favor, 2-0

Motion passed.

Adjournment at 9:11 PM

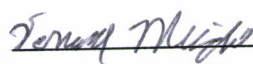
Respectfully Submitted,

Johnna K. Bishop
Administrative Assistant



Colin Stubbings, Chairman

Randy Subject



Donald Mitchell

Approved: 10/4/2018