

Minutes

Board of Selectmen Meeting – Work Session

Thursday October 4, 2018

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

Members of the public present: Wayne Godfrey, Police Chief Gary Hebert, Diane Stelzner, Bernie Marvin, Tim Cole

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. 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. Selectman Subject sent in his apologies for not being able to attend.

Tim Cole led the pledge of allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the E911 address numbering changes. Chief Hebert brought up Ellen Putnam's point at the last department head's meeting about the Town looking into hiring a firm to finish the E911 project. Bernie Marvin said that it is a slow process, but he and Tim have been working closely with the state. He and Tim have been working to un-do what's been done, and then re-do it the right way. Bernie brought up the point that the town has an ordinance, but no enforcement. He brought up an example of the Town of Haverhill, that has a fine for residents that don't post their E911 numbers.

Selectman Mitchell said he recommends that Bernie continue working on this project. Siting that it would be more cost effective for the town and Bernie knows the town better than an outsider. Chief Hebert asked if there was a timeline or some way to project what needs to be done and when it needs to be done by? Bernie replied that there is no way he could give a schedule of when it would be done.

Chairman Stubbings said there has been so many changes over the years. He suggested that Bernie & Tim focus on one section at a time and get it completed then move on to the next section. Chairman Stubbings also said we've got to work together with the state and work with what we've got. He went on to offer Bernie more resources if he needed them, to just let The Board know. He also suggested that The Board revisit the town ordinance and put a penalty in it, then possibly issue letters from The Town once the ordinance is changed.

The next item Chairman Stubbings addressed was an intent to cut received from Montgomery Timber Co. Map R08 Lot 9. See attached report of estimated amount to be cut. There was no further discussion from The Board on this topic.

Motion to accept: Selectman Mitchell

Seconded: Chairman Stubbings

All in favor, 2-0

Motion passed

Chairman Stubbings addressed a Timber Tax warrant that had been raised for Daniel and Linda Lea in the amount of \$1,331.07. It will now go to the Tax Collector.

Motion to approve: Selectman Mitchell

Seconded: Chairman Stubbings

All in favor, 2-0

Motion passed

Chairman Stubbings addressed the next item which was the Sewer Tax Warrant. He said he had reviewed the sewer district financials YTD. He said the Town has not yet received the wastewater grant, that usually comes late October. He went on to say the The Board anticipates under spending and suggested releasing \$3000 to reduce the tax rate on the second billing. Selectman Mitchell said he had no problem with this.

Motion to accept the Sewer Tax Warrant as presented: Selectman Mitchell

Seconded: Chairman Stubbings

All in favor, 2-0

Motion passed.

Next on the agenda was Camp Walt Whitman. The Town has received notice of legal action by the camp regarding their denied 2017 abatement. This is still part of an ongoing case.

Chairman Stubbings read out a letter The Town has received regarding the Ladd property on Church Street. The current owner is asking for an extension to December 1 before The Town forecloses on the property, citing that the residence is now empty and it's for sale. The Town has been advised by town council to accept this extension.

Motion to accept the extension: Selectman Mitchell

Seconded: Chairman Stubbings

All in favor, 2-0

Motion passed.

Chairman Stubbings addressed the financial reports, and suggested they put it off for the next work session when Selectman Subjeck will be in attendance.

In additional items Chairman Stubbings brought up budget meetings. He has scheduled one with Wayne Godfrey for Saturday October 27 at 9:00 and one with Chief Hebert for Saturday November 3 at 11:00.

Also in additional items, the Town has received a letter from Forest Fire Warden Roy Belyea that he will be retiring at the end of 2018. The Town would like to thank Roy for his service to the town and all his hard work over the years.

Next The Board reviewed the minutes of the 9/25/18 meeting.

Motion to accept minutes with changes: Selectman Mitchell

Seconded: Chairman Stubbings

All in favor, 2-0

Motion passed.

The Board signed the minutes of the 9/20/18 meeting so that they could be posted to the website.

At this time there was no further business.

Motion to adjourn: Selectman Mitchell

Seconded: Chairman Stubbings

All in favor, 2-0

Motion passed.

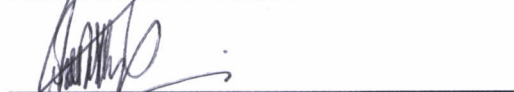
Adjournment: 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Johnna K. Bishop

Administrative Assistant



Colin Stubbings, Chairman

Randy Subjeck



Donald Mitchell

Approved: October 12, 2018