

**BOARD OF SELECTMAN – WORK SESSION**

**OLD CHURCH BUILDING**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 19, 2019**

Board members in attendance: Chairman Colin Stubbings, Selectman Randy Subject, Selectman Wayne Godfrey.

Members of the Public also in attendance: Sandi Pierce (Admin Asst)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stubbings at 7:15pm. Chairman Stubbings apologized for running late. He stated the meeting was being recorded solely for the purpose of accurate minutes, and that others in the room may also be recording but have not declared the fact.

No public input will be allowed during work sessions unless majority voted by Selectboard.

Randy Subject led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Annual Report Quotes; Sandi obtained quotes from Gnomon Copy as well as RC Brayshaw for printing of the 2019 Annual Report. Sandi estimated high requesting quotes for 420 Annual Reports. Gnomon Copy came in at \$1438.00. R.C. Brayshaw came in at \$1970.00. There was discussion between Selectboard about utilizing Gnomon Copy with prior Administrative Assistant however timelines did not allow. In 2018 there seems to have been a shortage of Annual Town Reports printed, therefore before Selectboard makes a final decision, an actual registered voter/household count needs to be done for accuracy in number of printed copies. Chairman Stubbings researched the NHMA website for the RSA's in regards to Annual Town Reports. Chairman Stubbings read some of the statues. Selectman Godfrey made a motion to go with Gnomon Copy once number of reports actually needed is verified, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Subject. All in favor. 3-0. Motion passed.

Thomson Fuel Quote; Chairman Stubbings read Thomson Fuel quote for annual locked in price of \$1.699 per gallon for the Transfer Station, Old Church Building, Highway Garage, Town Office Building and Fire Department Building. Sandi also reached out to Dead River (current propane company), to see if they would lock in a rate. Dead River will not look at locking in a rate until a minimum of 25,000 gallons is used annually. Sandi did provide the Selectboard with usage and rate for propane used over the last few years. Chairman Stubbings suggested Sandi start to use a spreadsheet to calculate usage and see trends to see any trouble. Chairman Stubbings had a few questions prior to going with Thomson. Will Thomson charge to place new tanks? Will Dead River charge to remove their tanks? Will Dead River give credit on existing propane left in the tanks? Sandi to do research and get back to the Selectboard with answers. Motion to accept Thomson Fuels, provided questions are answered made by Selectman Subject, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Godfrey. All in favor. 3-0. Motion passed.

Budget Review; Passed over until next meeting. Reports still need to be sent in. Final financial numbers to be given to Selectboard for review.

Exemption Review; Selectboard was given a copy of the exemptions by town as provided by the Department of Revenue. Selectboard reviewed all exemptions line by line. Veterans Credit seems to be in line with surrounding Towns. No changes presented. Elderly Exemptions; Selectman Subject recommended increasing the tax credit to \$45,000.00 for aged 75+. Sandi suggested looking closer at

the income requirements for the Elderly Exemptions. Sandi recommends increasing the income limits to be more in line with surrounding towns. Selectboard discussed options. Sandi recommended an income limit of \$45,000.00 and an asset limit of \$70,000.00. Sandi to reach out to Mark Stetson at Avitar to determine what the tax implication will be. Blind Exemption; No changes presented.

Correspondence; State of NH DOT Resurfacing Project. Chairman Stubbings read. State of NH will be resurfacing Rt10 beginning at River Rd in Piermont continuing to Newbury Crossing. Town of Piermont being requested to sign contract to allow State of NH to handle all traffic control. Selectboard to sign during first meeting of 2020 (contract is dated in 2020).

Minutes; 12/10/2019; Selectman Subject made a motion to accept with changes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Godfrey. All in favor. 3-0. Motion passed. 12/05/2019; Still to be corrected. 11/26/2019; Minutes signed. 11/16/2019; Minutes signed.

Any Other Business; None at this time.

Non Public Session was entered at 8:32pm citing RSA 91-A:3, II (c) after a motion by Selectman Subject to enter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Godfrey. Board vote to enter was 3-0 in favor.

Exited Non Public Session and entered Public Session at 8:50pm.

Non Public Session was entered at 8:51pm citing RSA 91-A:3, II (c) after a motion by Selectman Subject to enter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Godfrey. Board vote to enter was 3-0 in favor.

Exited Non Public Session and entered Public Session at 9:07pm.

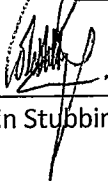
Motion to seal all minutes made by Selectman Subject, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Godfrey. All in favor 3-0. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Selectman Subject, 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman Godfrey. All in favor 3-0. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 9:09pm

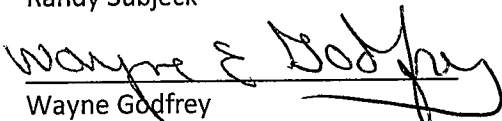
*Minutes written by Sandi Pierce*

Approved \_\_\_\_\_



Colin Stubbings

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Randy Subject



Wayne Godfrey