

Minutes
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday June 13, 2017

Members of Selectboard present: Chairman Colin Stubbings, Selectman Randy Subjeck and Selectman Donald Mitchell

Chairman Stubbings welcomed Donald Mitchell to the Board and called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. 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.

U.S. Army Veteran Gary Hebert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Departments' Input:

Police Department- Chief Gary Hebert asked the Board to accept a donation check given to the Piermont Police Department and approve it to be deposited into the Police Training and Equipment ETF. Selectman Subjeck made a motion to accept the donation and deposit it in the Police Training and Equipment ETF. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0. Chief Hebert submitted his monthly statistics; there were copies available on the table. He did respond to an incident at Lake Tarleton where a truck, trailer and boat went into the lake. Environmental Services were called in to check the water. There were no environmental hazards found. Chief Hebert stated the dispatch fees are down by about \$900.00 for this year.

EMD- Bernie Marvin reported that he and Deputy EMD Tim Cole attended the Emergency Preparedness Conference in Manchester last Thursday. They attended classes for their Continuing Education and say it was very instructional.

Road Agent- Frank Rodimon stated there is an issue with a big pine tree in the right of way on Barton Rd. Mr. Rodimon asked the Board to approve the town taking down the tree before it falls and causes damage. Selectman Subjeck made a motion to approve taking tree down. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0. Grinding is completed on Indian Pond Road. There is no update on the new truck.

Fire Department- Chief Henry stated there have been 28 calls to date. Piermont Fire Department participated in the Championship Parade for the Oxbow girls' softball team. Fire pond maintenance is being done. Camp tours will be starting next week. Holly Creamer and Chris Yeager both passed their paramedic exams. Chief Henry brought in a SCBA unit to show the Board.

Abby Metcalf- Friends of Piermont- stated there will be a Meeting soon to go over plans for the BBQ to be held August 19th at the Veteran's Memorial Garden. Mrs. Metcalf hopes to have plaques for Memorial Garden completed by next Memorial Day.

Special Thank You to: Polly Marvin for all her volunteer work in the Memorial Garden, Matt Hogan for mowing around the water boxes, and Susan & Eileen Belyea for planting all the flowers in the water boxes.

Tim Cole reminded us that many people volunteer their time to make Piermont a better place.

Bookkeeper/Assessing Clerk- Susan Belyea stated the manifest is ready to be reviewed by the Board.

Town Clerk- Bernadette Ratel submitted the Unlicensed Dog Warrant to the Board to sign. Mrs. Ratel provided her monthly report to the Board.

Tax Collector- Ceil Stubbings reported that Tax Bills have been sent out and a reminder of the due date is posted on the webpage. Mrs. Stubbings stated that a taxpayer was present to discuss an issue with her tax bill in a non-public session with the Board.

Treasurer- Heather Subject is working on the required documents for the audit. Her goal is to have everything ready by the 19th of June. Mrs. Subject submitted the monthly Treasurer's Report for May; there were copies available on the table.

Administrative Assistant- Jen Rugar submitted the renewal letter for HealthTrust for the Board to review. The letter was tabled until the next work session so it can be reviewed.

Manifest- The Board reviewed and signed the manifest. There was a brief discussion regarding the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission annual membership dues.

Sewer District Advisory Committee Meeting Update- Selectman Subject stated that there are still key questions regarding the Sewer District that need to be answered by town counsel; it can be discussed at the next work session.

Diane Stelzner-By Request- Chairman Stubbings read the Agenda Request Form submitted by Ms. Stelzner and then asked for her input. Ms. Stelzner read a list of complaints she had regarding lack of response to emails that she had sent requesting information and documents. Chairman Stubbings pointed out the email address used by Ms. Stelzner was incorrect for the person she was intending to reach regardless of the information contained in the subject line of the email. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding how Ms. Stelzner can obtain the requested documents.

At Ms. Stelzner's request, Chairman Stubbings re-read the second item on the Agenda Request form submitted by Ms. Stelzner regarding a recent interaction with Selectman Subject. Ms. Stelzner stated that she is disappointed with the treatment she received by a selectman in the town office; she did not feel it was right to have been asked if she was recording the conversation. Chairman Stubbings clarified that it is legal to record public meetings, but it is not legal to be recording conversations in the town office. He also stated that he supports the question being asked by those working in the town office.

Public Input- Frank Rodimon thanked Abby Metcalf for all of her volunteer work that makes Piermont a better town.

A member of the public asked A. George Mertz Commander, USN (Ret) why he does not participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Mertz responded to the question.

Approve Minutes June 1, 2017- The minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Selectman Subject made a motion to accept as amended. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Non-Public Session- Selectman Subject made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) at 7:56 PM. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:23 PM. Selectman Subject made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Selectman Subject made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Others present for the meeting (from sign-in sheet)- Heather Subject, Suzanne Woodard, Diane Stelzner, George Mertz , Helena Saarion, Bruce Henry, Ceil Stubbings, Abby Metcalf, Bernadette Ratel, Karen Garrigan, Randy Spann (present not on sign-in sheet: Frank Rodimon, Bernie Marvin, Tim Cole, Gary Hebert, Susan Belyea)

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Rugar,
Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen:

Colin Stubbings, Chair

Randy Subject

Donald Mitchell

Approved: 6/22/17