

Minutes  
Board of Selectmen  
Work Session  
November 28, 2017

Selectboard members present: Chairman Stubbings, Randy Subject, Donald Mitchell

Others present: Frank Rodimon, Chief Gary Hebert, Susan Belyea

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and apologized for the late start. He stated that the meeting was being recorded for the sole purpose of accurate minutes and others in the room may be recording, but have not declared that fact. Chairman Stubbings also stated that during a Work Session public input will only be allowed if agreed upon by the Board.

Chief Hebert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Stubbings announced the Annual Tree Lighting will be held on December 2 at 5:00 PM.

**Tax Rate-** Chairman Stubbings gave an overview of the tax rate setting process and read the Tax Rate Breakdown for 2017 as follows:

Tax Rate \$26.36

Municipal- \$7.60 (an increase of \$0.94)

Local Education- \$14.80 (an increase of \$1.47)

State Education- \$2.22 (a decrease of \$0.01)

County- \$1.74 (an increase of \$0.01)

There is an overall increase of \$2.41 due to a shortfall on the Barton Road Bridge reimbursement and a \$36,000 increase in legal fees. Chairman Stubbings stated the Board of Selectmen is not pleased with this increase and will do what they can to minimize any changes for next year.

**Tax Warrant-** The Tax Warrant was reviewed by the Board. Selectman Subject made a motion to approve. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0. The Tax Warrant was signed by the Board and will be given to the Tax Collector to process the tax bills.

**Assessment to Sales Ratio-** The Board reviewed the paperwork submitted by Avitar Associates. Selectman Subject made a motion to accept. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

**Additional Items-** Chairman Stubbings added the following:

CPR- Jen Rugar stated she will contact Clay Odell again regarding scheduling the date for the course.

Cohase Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Summit will be held on Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Jen Rugar will find out which, if any, of the selectmen will be attending.

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission--The Board agreed to sign a letter stating ongoing support for UVLSRPC to seek grant funding to cover some of their costs.

Manifest- was reviewed and signed by the Board

Frank Rodimon read a statement he had written in response to an email requesting information regarding the removal of a hazardous tree on Barton Rd. The Board agreed to have Mr. Rodimon send the response.

McDevitt has offered \$30,000 for the unreliable plow truck. It is required to be voted on at Town Meeting, which could leave us in a bind until then. Mr. Rodimon will continue to look into other options. The beaver dams will be removed Tuesday or Wednesday, with permission from the landowner. There was an issue with the school bus driver not wanting to drive up Mazzilli Drive due to the weather. Both the school principal and school secretary drove a personal car up and down Mazzilli Drive, intentionally hitting the brakes, without any issue.

Mr. Rodimon stated the new highway department uniforms have arrived and he is pleased with the quality. There was a discussion regarding the need for name tags on the uniforms. Mr. Rodimon will look into the cost. Although the offers have been declined, the Town of Wentworth has been trying to recruit Dalton, with several calls in the last two weeks.

There will be a work session held on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM to work on the budget.

There was a discussion regarding where the water in the Old Church Building comes from. Nobody seems to be certain, so Frank Rodimon will look into it.

Chief Hebert stated he will contact vendors regarding the purchase of a new cruiser to let them know it is most likely not going to happen in 2018 due to budgetary issues.

Minutes from November 21, 2017 were reviewed. Corrections were made. Selectman Subjeck made a motion to approve. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Selectman Subjeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion.

All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Rugar,  
Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen:

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Chairman Stubbings

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Randy Subjeck

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Donald Mitchell

Approved: 12/07/17