

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEMORIAL BUILDING

OCTOBER 27, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The following are to be considered draft minutes until approved by the Board.

Selectmen present: Chairman, Don Hill; Leigh Callaway, and George McCusker

Others present: Bryan O' Day, John Simmonds (Sheriff Candidate), and Alisha Farquhar (community alliance) and Justin Hastings

7:00 Don called the meeting to order with two scheduled appointments. Community Alliance and John Simmonds the candidate for Sheriff.

Alisha Farquhar from Community Alliance stated she was the director of family services. She explained they are a non-profit organization. She says she works with the police chiefs association. She tries to educate people on the diversion program. She explains that the diversion program offers educational opportunities, community service, restitution, etc... There are teen programs available. They will even tailor programs to suit an individual. She also explained that Pam Jocelyn who heads up the volunteer driver program could not be available to speak. The volunteer driver program is in need of volunteers. The volunteers will be reimbursed their mileage. She explains that all their programs are on their website. If anyone knows someone who could use the program because they need a ride she urges them to call 603-863-0003. Leigh asks if she has ever worked with Chief Tim. She states she had. Leigh emphasizes that it is budget season soon, so they will be looking for as much correspondence and as much detail possible. She handed out posters with phone numbers to be posted.

John Simmonds the candidate for Sheriff approached the board to introduce himself. He explains that he did not get an opportunity to come forth meet and learn about how the town is run as he wanted to. He states that he is the remaining candidate. He started with the Sutton Police Department 24 years ago. He explains he moved on because there just wasn't the room for growth. He moved on to the Claremont Police Department. In 2010 Governor Lynch appointed him to be on the commission to reconstruct Route 10. He explains his main goal as Sheriff is Building Quality communication. He states his idea is an email service that will cost Zero dollars. He doesn't plan on changing any personnel. He believes his top three crimes are:

1. Drugs
2. Burglary
3. Assaults

He feels that the burglary and assaults trickle down from drugs. He feels everything gets trickled down through addiction. Don brings up the problem of vandalism. He asks if he can stay for the rest of the meeting to see how things are run.

Approval of minutes from: October 6, 7, 13, and 20. Leigh makes a motion to approve all minutes as written, George seconds, and all in favor.

Leigh wants to add that there was a lot of work done by Janet Roberts and very well done 😊

Project List Updates- Garage door is complete. New Septic system- Leigh explains that there is not a lot of work left. The electric needs to be hooked up to the pump and Leech field needs to be put in. He explains that the tank is hooked up and usable. He states that the porta potty can be removed. Don feels that there was a nice job done moving sand pile and blocks.

The roof on the Highway shed- Pete has fixed the leak

The wetland crossing will be done shortly

The Electrical Wiring is on the list for budgeting

#90 on the project list- Peter is going to get Mason to check on boiler furnaces.

Leigh asks about the carpeting- Don feels they should just get it taken care of

There was discussion around raising the price of the Town Hall Rental. The Selectmen feel that \$25 doesn't cover all the towns cost of heating, cleaning, etc... They will table the discussion until they have researched how much other towns cost.

Leigh reminds board that there is \$450 worth of work that still needs to be done by Billy Huntoon.

Also a reminder that properties sold will be settled on November 10th at 3p.m.

Add the new snowmobile ordinance from last meeting

Mason will be sitting down with the selectmen at some point soon regarding the heating system.

Leigh states there will be a discussion as to whether the town heats with propane versus oil. They need to take into account all factors. He says they have to really think about costs. The cost of the heating system is in the CIP.

#65 on the project list- Elderly exemption limits- the select board is going to review and bring to next meeting.

Leigh did a budget projection and send off to Ken Jacques. There will be a meeting with the department heads Thursday, November 6th at noon and lunch provided. The intent is to come to the meeting with numbers and highlights for the 2015 budget.

There are two taxed properties going to deeding waived at the last minute. There is less than \$1000 owed and due diligence is being showed. Don explains they have waived this for the moment. He states they don't have to renote it that they are just extending it until the end of November.

There was discussion around having final approved signage for the former class 6 road for Star Lake. He explains that there are 1800 acres involved with Star Lake and they need an approved sign that says public has limited access, and to pass at own risk, no motorized vehicles. Justin Hastings says that Andover has a really nice sign. Bryan O' Day asks why the town is responsible for signage. Don explains that the current sign will come down once there is a final approved sign that goes up.

Check signing- November is Leigh and December is George.

Don brings up that the Legal Woman's Voters wants the town to add them to their website to promote them. Don does not feel that this should be the case. Leigh states that currently there is not policy as to

what goes on the website. Don feels that if falls into the realm of Non-Governing-Organization that it will not go on the website. He feels it's a wonderful website, but if they do one there are lots of NGI that they would feel obligated to put on there as well.

New Business- Leigh has pictures of Stryker road and he has asked Pete how much it will cost to put it back together. There was a discussion around this and how it historically washes out due to a certain driveway. Upon discussion, Leigh stated he will draft a letter stating the historical factor of the driveway washing out the road and the town using its resources to fix it. The board feels it should not be up to the town to fix it.

Who will stand watch Election Day-

George- Morning (7-noon)

Leigh- Afternoon (12-4)

Don - Evening (4-close)

There was a note left by Marie Patten regarding burned out light bulbs. There was discussion around modifying her contract to include changing of the light bulbs. Leigh made a motion to modify her contract to change non-fluorescent lighting and any concerns with safety she is to bring it to the select board's attention. Don seconds the motion, opposed by George.

Don wanted to discuss a change in the way the part-time manual reads for vacation time. The new verbiage will read: *Part time employees regularly scheduled to work 18 or more hours per week will receive pro-rated benefits as explained in the vacation benefit section of this manual. I.e. if an employee is regularly scheduled to work 20 hours per week, then the holiday benefit would be 4 hours.*

Leigh moves to add such wording to manual, second by George, all in favor.

Board Updates: Don stated the joint PB and ZBA meeting had been postponed due to a noticing issue.

George states that the Upper valley transportation committee is all about interstate and bridges, nothing to do with the small town roads.

Correspondence- KRSD there is a budget hearing at KRHS on December 2nd at 7:00 P.M.

There was a PO for retaining wall block for Highway department that needed to be signed. Don and Leigh signed, George opposed.

Letter from New London Hospital stating that the Ambulance contract will be going up 2%. The board felt it was reasonable.

Town of Hanover letter regarding replacement tower on Moose Mountain and hearing with Hanover's ZBA on November 4th at 7:00 P.M.

Letter from PLA (property liability trust) looking for an increase of 5% on all base rates for 2016 except unemployment will be reduced by 5%. They put this aside for the 2015 budget.

There were no signature items.

Motion to adjourn by Leigh, Second by Don, all in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Susan Abair