

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JANUARY 24, 2017

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

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

Selectboard present: Leigh Callaway, Vice-Chairman, Tamara Butcher. Don Hill was away.

Others present: Bryan O'Day, Ken Jacques, and Whit Smith. Fire Department Chief, Pete Lacaillade, Ken Butcher, Alex Moskalenko, Kevin Roberts and Raymond Abair.

Leigh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Leigh presented a power-point presentation reviewing fire truck financing costs based on a \$240,000 purchase. The presentation compared truck costs and savings to replace the tanker now versus waiting to replace in 5 more years, at 30 years of age. Interest on a 3 year loan has been quoted at 2.55%. Costs of trucks increase on average 10% a year by industry standards. Leigh's comparison showed increases at 5% and 10%, and costs associated with waiting.

Raymond Abair presented details of a truck replacement schedule. NFPA recommends replacing a front-line piece at 15 years. In order to get 30 years life out of the engines, they should be replaced every 15 years. At 15 years, Engine 3 would become the reserve piece and Engine 2 would be up for replacement. Waiting to replace the tanker in 5 years would put replacement of two front-line pieces of equipment at the same time, 2022/2023. By replacing the tanker now, if the guidelines are followed at no other time would the fire department be replacing 2 front-line fire trucks at the same time. Estimated cost to replace two trucks at the same time could result in as much as an \$800K cost with increased truck costs. Ken Jacques stated it is important to get the most life as possible out of these big ticket items. The Fire Department may want, for the future, to look into buying used, and costs to refurbish or recertify a piece.

Leigh noted interest rates are favorable right now. In 2016 debt service was at \$57,000, in 2017 debt service will drop to \$20K and the highway truck will be paid for this year. Financing now, while the interest rates are low, would add about \$28,000 to the debt service, Debt service would stabilize to a level it has been over several years. Motion made by Leigh to recommend \$240,000 to purchase a tanker. Motion seconded by Tamara, and unanimously approved.

Leigh thanked the Fire Department for their report.

Zoning Coordinator Report: (Copy of report attached)

Whit Smith reported there have been no new applications approved.

Applications pending:

Roberts – Woodland Heights – Zoning Coordinator taking no further action.

Attyya Mirza, Agent for UPLA5AC LLC, 378 Stoney Brook Road – permit application received, after the fact. Structure may not be in compliance with setbacks. Structure is movable. Zoning Coordinator will discuss with agent relocation.

Michael Hansen – 163 Hansen Road – Application to build a 120' x 60' garage building. Application is complete, no setback or wetland encroachment. The building is associated with an approved business, and requires amended site plan review. Applicant will be referred to Planning Board.

Other Matters:

Attended ZBA meeting where an Administrative Appeal was heard for Tunis LLC (represented by legal counsel) at Woodcrest. ZBA found Tunis LLC not in violation of the zoning ordinance.

Follow-up RE: Martin 566 Hogg Hill Road. Application is waiting for snow to melt to locate property pins and stake the area for relocation of the shed.

Attended Planning Board meeting to finalized changes for amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to be placed on the ballot for March Town Meeting.

Whit would like to add a line for e-mail address on the Zoning Permit Application to assist with communication.

Minutes: Tamara moved to accept the January 9, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Leigh and both in favor.

Leigh discussed the Planning Board budget with Ken Jacques regarding appropriation for circuit rider. Ken indicated the Planning Board has talked for the past two to three years regarding circuit rider costs. Kevin Lee, Planning Chair was going to see what options were available for hiring a consultant, as needed, on an hourly basis. The Planning Board spoke of lowering the line from \$6,000 to \$3,000.

Whit reported he heard back from B. McKelvey of Twin Lake Villa Road regarding the guitar business. She indicated that it is a home business, operated from “the kitchen table”, using less than 750' square feet. Guitars are sold mail-order through the internet. No customers come to the house. There are no non-resident employees, and she does not store inventory on site. There are deliveries a few times a week. The Board discussed the original complaint/concern from the owner was based on tractor-trailer deliveries on a private road. The Board will await Whit's written report.

The Board reviewed the budget worksheet. Leigh noted Pete needs to be sure times Cody works at the cemetery are being allocated to cemetery wages. Tamara suggested, and Leigh agreed, that the highway department should include a report of day to day activities each week, like they used to do. The debt service line needs to reflect the addition of financing for the fire truck. Other lines appeared to be in order. Tamara moved to submit the proposed budget worksheet to the Budget Committee. Motion seconded by Leigh and approved by both.

Warrant Articles:

Selectboard supports a warrant article to raise and appropriate funds for a fire truck.

Selectboard supports the warrant article to withdraw \$4012 from the Fund Balance for Old Home Day.

Selectboard will include a warrant article allowing all veteran's with at least 90 days of service who are honorably discharged be granted a veteran's exemption, to allow the voter's to decide the outcome, not the Selectboard.

Leigh moved to approve the request for a letter of support of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association's application for grant funding for watershed data resources, only. Motion seconded by Tamara, and approved by both.

Pete Lacaillade reported the Fire Department is looking into grants that may be available for funding for emergency management equipment, such as an ATV or some other resource for back woods/off road response. He questioned whether the Selectboard would want to approve the purchase before the grant is submitted. Leigh noted, for insurance purposes, the Selectmen should be aware, and then accept as town property for coverage.

Leigh reported the next budget meeting is Monday, January 30th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant