

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

MEMORIAL BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

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

The meeting came to order at 4:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen present: Leigh Callaway, Chairman; Tamara Butcher and Dick Hendl.

Others present: Byran O'Day, Peter Abair, and Whit Smith.

Minutes: January 22, 2018: Page 1 "Because this is could be an issue...."; page 2 "He had not been able.. and page 4 "Concerned Vocal Citizen there to Concerned Vocal Citizen. There... Leigh moved to approve, with changes, seconded by Dick and all in favor. January 29, 2018, Leigh moved to approve as written, seconded by Tamara and all approved.

Pete Abair reported tree removal has begun on the site at the highway garage. He has used his excavator about 12 hours and probably has 4 or 5 more to go. Pete stated there is 8 to 10 cord of mixed wood on the site. The Board talked about putting the wood out to bid, but no further details were discussed. Leigh reported Jeff Evans is to get the final site plan to Pete to review within the next week and then will make an application to the State. A letter will be included to address the need for this site as well as a request made to waive the application fees.

Budget & Warrant Article Review:

The Board took a final look at the operating budget. The Board discussed with Pete estimates for additional paving projects. Pete stated Nichols Hill Road would be an additional \$59,500 and Fisher Corner Road \$19,500. The State Department of Transportation is going to be replacing the culverts that run across Georges Mills Road in that area, so it does not make sense to do any work to Fisher Corner until after that. Pete plans to pave Philbrick Hill Road this year, at a cost of \$60,000. He feels that an additional \$5,000 in the shim, seal and blacktop line is enough for other repair, as needed.

Review of Warrant articles:

Article 03: Replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,000 (gross budget) to replace Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$99,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article.

2/3 ballot vote required.

Article 04: Sand Shed Site Preparation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for the purpose of site preparation for future sand shed replacement and expanded exterior storage area. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. This appropriation to come from the unreserved fund balance with no amount to be raised through taxation. The Selectmen Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Majority vote required

Article 05: Reshingle and repair Town Hall Roof

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,000 for the purpose of reshingling and related repairs to the Town Meetinghouse Roof. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. Said appropriation to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance, with no amount to be raised through taxation. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Majority vote required.

Article 06: Purchase of a Wood Chipper

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of purchasing a wood chipper for the Highway Department. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchase is completed or by December 31, 2021, whichever is sooner. This appropriation to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance, with no amount to be raised through taxation. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Majority vote required.

Article 07: Old Home Day Expendable Trust

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4034.00 for the purpose of adding to the Old Home Day Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. Said amount to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance and represents proceeds and donations raised in 2017; No amount to come from taxation. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority vote required.

Article 08: Sale of Municipal Property

To see if the Town will vote to grant authorization to the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise convey, "as justice may require" a parcel of land in Eastman located on Winding Wood Road, Tax Map 31; Lot 272-512. Said parcel was deeded to the Town by Quitclaim Deed from the Controlled Environment Corporation, recorded at the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds on August 14, 1974, Volume 546, Page 171. This parcel was not taken through taxation and therefore the Selectmen must seek town meeting approval to divest of the property. The Selectmen Recommend this Article. Majority vote required.

Article 09: General Municipal Operations

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the BUDGET COMMITTEE'S recommended amount of 1,299,994.00 for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. Majority vote required

Article 10: To Hear Reports

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. Discussion may only be advisory or informational in content and nature. Any items requesting the Town to raise and appropriate money cannot come before the meeting under this article.

The Board reviewed, moved, seconded and unanimously approved recommending the warrant articles as drafted.

The Selectboard will continue this meeting on Thursday, February 15th at 4:00 p.m. to review 2017 revenue and recommend 2018 estimated revenue.

Tunis Letter: A follow up letter was sent and received by Tunis, LLC, and their Attorney, Anthony Lenhart. There has been no response, which is due by noon on February 15th. Further discussion will be tabled until that time.

Pettengill Road: Selectboard discussed Clayton Platt's research of the layout of the road and the file compiled by NHDOT based on records at the NH Secretary of State's Office up to the 1960's. He found nothing to indicate the road had been discontinued. Leigh reported he and Dick have looked through the same information as Clayton, and also all the town reports from 1960 forward and found no further information. The Selectboard discussed what, if any, evidence there could be to warrant more research. There has been money and considerable time spent concluding that this appears not to be a discontinued road. Motion made by Tamara that based on the research that has been presented, Pettengill Road remains a public Class VI highway. Motion seconded by Leigh and unanimously approved.

REPORT from ZONING COORDINATOR. -- Board of Selectmen Monday, February 12, 2018.

Here is a summary of permit applications and Zoning Coordinator activity.

Application for Permit – Acted Upon, Approved:

NONE

Application for Permit PENDING:

1. Michael Howard, 153 Carter Brook Road. Mr. Howard has filed an Application for Zoning Permit prior to commencing construction of shed (24' x 24' x 24') attached to an existing barn/storage building. house with attached garage.

Other Matters.

A. Property on Woodcrest (Tunis LLC) – sent email to attorney. No further communication.

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Whit reported on review of Michael Howard's application, a Site Plan Review is on file for Michael's business but there may be detail lacking. He would like to review the application with the Planning Board on the 15th before continuing.

New Business:

The 250th Committee had forwarded information to the Selectboard about a piano that was being offered for free and wondered about replacing the one at the town meetinghouse. However, the piano is no longer available.

The Selectboard discussed whether the utility pole at the beach has an easement and agrees it would be worthwhile to have it moved before the beach project happens. Leigh moved to write a letter to request the pole be removed. Motion seconded by Dick and unanimously approved.

Letter from VA: Selectboard reviewed a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs asking to include a letter in the town report providing information where Veterans can go for services. The Board recommended posting the information on the town website and having copies of their flyers available in the lobby.

Leigh noted no candidates signed up for the Kearsarge District Municipal Budget Committee. This is an important position in the school district budgeting process and involves a few meetings in the fall. The Board extended appreciation to Lynnette Johnson for the time she put in. The Board is looking for someone they can recommend to the committee.

Board and Department Updates: Board members reported on their respective committees. The Planning Board is looking to establish an ad-hoc committee to review high speed internet issues in the area.

There will be a hearing for subdivision of the former Booker property on February 15th.

The Conservation Commission needs to reappoint Marla Binzel. The Selectboard voted in favor to do so. Appointment paperwork will be completed and signed.

Dick reported a new librarian has been hired and signed the contract today. She will begin April 1.

Correspondence: Letter from the firm of Gardner, Fulton, and Waugh announcing the retirement of Attorney Bernie Waugh. The Board wishes him well.

Signatures:

Audit Contract

Intent to Cut Timber

Veteran's Exemption application reviewed.

Miscellaneous Business: Leigh reported following the January 8th meeting he made a mistake and thought that the Board had approved the use of Pete Abair's excavator for tree work at the highway site and gave Pete the go ahead. Motion made by Leigh that he would pay for the cost

of the excavator out of his pocket as a gift. There was no second to the motion. Dick stated that he disagrees

that Leigh should feel he has to pay for this. The Board is subject to misunderstandings and it was cost effective for the town to proceed to get the work done. Tamara agreed. Motion made by Dick to refuse the gift from Leigh. The motion was seconded by Tamara with Dick and Tamara voting in favor. Leigh abstained.

Dick reported he has received approval from IKO for warranty coverage of the existing shingles on the town hall roof. He has a package of information, including shingles from the building that needs to be sent.

At 5:30 p.m. the Board moved to continue this meeting to February 15th at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant