

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Board of Selectmen Meeting: December 17, 2018

Present: Rob DeValk, Frank Emig, Jim Jennison, Earl Kathan, Scott Sanchas, Glenn Elsesser, Brenda Melius, Conan Cook, Marcie and Peter Maynard

Open meeting: 7:00PM, RD.

Approve minutes: BOS meetings December 3, Motion JJ/FE to approve, passed.

Sign bill manifest: Motion JJ/FE to approve with additions, passed.

Sign payroll manifest: Motion FE/JJ to approve, passed.

Recognition of Visitors/Public Input:

1. Marcie and Peter Maynard cited dust from Beryl Mountain Road beside their property and requested repair. RD noted that the Town cannot afford to pave until 2020 and that there is dust the whole length of the road and other Town gravel roads. There was consensus that attention could be paid to dust abatement during frost free months as funds allowed.

Highway Department Report:

1. Work update/plan: EK noted truck and winter road maintenance ongoing. There was discussion regarding the winter weather maintenance policy and erring on the side of safety.
2. Single residence road snow removal: There was consensus that potential liability prevents the Town from subcontracting.
3. Beryl Mountain Bridge: Eckman Engineering recommendations for maintenance included in the 2019 budget.
4. Charlestown Road: M&W Soils test drilling report indicates good potential for reclamation.
5. New truck: RD reported delivery expected in January.
6. Forest Road/NH 123A Bridge: GE noted need for crack sealing of approaches.

Transfer Station Report:

1. Fluorescent disposal: Disposal costs have increased. Motion JJ/RD to add disposal fees modeled on Lempster and Charlestown rates of \$1 for 4' and \$2 for 8' tubes, passed.

ConCom Report: December 12 meeting: Jennifer Bland reported to CC the Roy Farm remains posted and the owner's attorney is working to change the conservation easement. There was a question as to whether JB is in a position of conflict of interest. RD relayed follow up to Jonathan Delisle report 12/3/18: JD was unable to reach easement property owner Chester Thibault with request to remove signs. In a phone conference Town Counsel recommended a letter indicating the Town will remove signs if owner does not. Motion RD/FE to instruct Town Counsel to issue a letter to the property owner that the signs be removed immediately or the Town will remove them and that invoices will be forwarded to the owner for legal fees incurred by the Town regarding this breach of the easement, passed.

PB Report: Next meeting December 18.

Action items:

1. Building permits: Connors addition, Cold Pond Road: Motion FE/RD to approve, passed; JJ opposed.
2. Intents to Cut: Hulser: Motion JJ/RD to sign, passed; Clifford: Motion JJ/RD to sign, passed.
3. Timber Tax: Motion FE/JJ to sign warrant for Wilson, passed.
4. Compliance: Relihan follow up in progress.
5. DRA Assessment Data Certificate: Motion FE/JJ to sign, passed.
6. Health officer renewal: Motion FE/JJ to sign, passed.
7. Hazardous building: The condition of a bank foreclosed building was discussed with consensus to contact the bank with concerns.
8. Deputy Clerk certificate: Motion FE/JJ to sign appointing Marianne Nevelson as Deputy Clerk, passed.
9. 2019 Budget: Changes from first review include reducing potential International truck sale figure, creating a separate line for overtime highway wages, adding \$5,000 for work on Beryl Mountain Bridge with funds to come from the bridge capital reserve fund (Motion RD/JJ, passed) and reducing capital spending on Cold Pond Road by \$10,000 (Motion RD/JJ, passed). It was noted that school taxes continue to rise and the Board wishes to keep the Town tax rate as reasonable as possible. To that end there was support for using fund balance to deposit to capital reserve funds rather than raising new money. Motion RD/JJ to use \$33,000 from fund balance for deposits to 3 capital reserve funds, passed.

10. 2019 Draft Warrant: It was noted the Cemetery Trustees have requested an article for \$5,000 toward to restoration of the hearse which is separate and not included in the Selectmen's budget and that the Warrant includes two articles increasing the Veterans' Credit and the Elder Exemption criteria which have not been updated since 2007. Those changes are included in the Selectmen's budget.

Other items:

1. Nonpublic: Motion FE/JJ to move to nonpublic per RSA 91-A:3IIa, passed: FE, JJ, RD 7:10PM. Returned to public session 7:15PM (This session took place early in the meeting to accommodate highway employees attending). Motion FE/JJ to move to nonpublic per RSA 91-A:3IIa, passed: FE, JJ, RD 9:10PM. Returned to public session 9:15PM.
2. There was consensus to distribute condensed version of highway supervisor advertisement.
3. Next meeting January 7.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15PM; Respectfully, Kathi Bradt.