

# MINUTES *approved minutes*

## **Board of Selectmen Meeting: March 6, 2017**

**Present:** Frank Emig, David Goodwin, Steven Holt, Ed Babneau

**Public:** Conan Cook, Brenda Melius, Jim Jennison, Scott Warburton, Carole Wallace, Linda and Ken Christie

**Open Meeting:** 7PM

**Approve minutes:** BOS meeting and nonpublic February 27, 2017, Motion SH/FE to approve, passed.

**Sign bill manifest:** Motion SH/FE to approve, passed.

**Sign payroll manifest:** None

### **Recognition of Visitors/Public Input:**

1. Scott Warburton inquired whether State statutes concerning State roads becoming town roads apply to Echo Valley Road. It was noted that there is no record of Echo Valley Road ever having been a State Road. There was discussion about a warrant article which proposes reclassifying Echo Valley Road from Class 5 to Class 6. SW inquired whether the road could become a private road. It was noted that could be voted on at a subsequent Town Meeting. KC described the effort to expand the Town's road network during the 50's and 60's in which owners of small roads brought them up to Class 5 standards so they could be adopted by the Town and thereby increase State highway funding. It was noted that State highway funding does not cover the cost of just winter maintenance of the two roads in the article. FE noted the article is a response to concerns about taxes. CW disagreed with the spirit of the article in the Sestercentennial celebration year. LC objected to a lack of notice. SH stated the purpose of the article is for the voters to decide what is in the best interest of the majority of Townspeople.

**Transfer Station Report:** No issues

### **Highway Department Report:**

1. Work update/plan: EB noted equipment maintenance, attending to washouts and work on developing RFP's for 2017 work. There was consensus RFP for Crane Brook should include a one year performance bond.
2. Grader replacement search pending Town Meeting vote.

**ConCom Report:** Meeting Wednesday

**PB Report:** Bascom NRSPR complete, Jordan driveway permit complete, work continuing on definitions.

### **Action items:**

1. Building permits: Bascom warehouse per NRSPR and Jordan addition: Motion DG/SH to approve both, passed.
2. Intents: None
3. Compliance: Tallman pending.
4. Road Surface Management System pilot program: Motion FE/SH to sign thank you letter, passed.

### **Discussion:**

1. Warrant review: Information pertaining to articles reviewed including road maintenance costs, tax rate breakdown (School 42% and Town 37%) and tax rate increase (School 38 cents and Town 15 cents) reviewed.

### **Other items:**

1. BM was joined by those present thanking SH for his service to the Town as he goes off the Board of Selectmen.
2. Nonpublic per RSA 91-A:3.IIa: Motion DG/FE to move to nonpublic, passed: SH, DG, FE, 7:50PM., Returned to public session 8:00PM.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:00PM; Respectfully, Kathi Bradt.