

ATTENDANCE: Selectman Richard Zacher, Selectmen Brian Robischeau, Selectman William Nelson, Marilou Maclean, Ed Nason, Ed Comeau, Tom Hill, Jessica Robischeau, Diana Peckham, Diane Smith

Public Comments- None

Approval of Minutes:

12/30/2014 <u>MOTION:</u> Selectman Nelson moved to accept the minutes from the December 30, 2014 meeting with one change: the hearing will be held on 2/2/2015 at 6:30pm to 2/3/2015. The motion was seconded by Selectman Robischeau. A vote was taken, all in favor, motion carries.

REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS:

• **Tax Collector-** Diana Peckham stated that 85% of the December tax bill has been collected. There is an outstanding balance of \$278,000 in uncollected taxes, penalties and interest from the past 3 years. Deputy Tax Collector Rose Zacher asked the Selectmen to consider approving the Tax Kiosk- online tax viewing system through Avitar, for this new year. Selectman Zacher stated they will all look at it and give a decision at a future meeting.

- Selectmen Nelson stated that many Town's in Carroll County were upset for a delayed decision in the county tax. By doing this, many Town's were not able to receive their tax rate in a timely manner from the DRA.

- Assessing- Two abatements were received from residents and have been forwarded to Avitar for their recommendation. Once the recommendation is received, it will then get presented to the Selectmen.
- Planning Board- The January 8, Public Hearing was rescheduled to February 2.
- **Code Enforcement Officer** An intent to cut was presented for approval on Map 4 Lots 7&8. A yield tax warrant was also presented and both were approved and signed.

- Residents continue to take pure salt and the salt/sand mixture from the salt shed. The salt door will now be closed and a new sign will be posted instructing residents to get the salt/sand mixture behind the Town Office in separate shed.

- Per the Road Agent's contract, if the price of diesel decreases under \$3.00 per gallon, his hourly rate is renegotiated. Ed Nason stated that as of 12/14/2014, he had already decreased his hourly rate down \$2.00 per hour.

- Ed Nason stated that he is planning to fill pot holes around Town with untreated sand but the temperature needs to be warmer to fill it in.

- Heritage Commission- The meetings are held off until March.
- **Town Clerk-** The new computer for the Town Clerk should be up and running but it is still not on the DSL. Lance Maclean is still working on this and will update the Selectmen once it is ready.

- Old Business- The Townhouse has frozen pipes and the water has been shut off. It is believed that a pipe under the floor has frozen. The Selectmen agreed to ask Geary Ciccarone to insulate and box in the pipe. Rich Zacher stated he will call Geary to complete.
- Bulletin Board- The Town bulletin board has rotted and needs replacement in the spring.
- -Schoolhouse Door- The Schoolhouse door is in poor condition and will need to be replaced in the spring.
 - New Business- Adminstrative Asst. Jessica Robischeau stated that an email went out to all Brookfield committees and departments that their Town Report information is due February 1

Motion:

Selectmen Robischeau made a motion to go into non-public public session due to per RSA 91-A (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph. Selectmen Nelson second the motion. All in favor and the motion carried. Roll Call: Nelson, Zacher, Robischeau

Motion:

Selectman Robischeau made a motion to come out of non public session and to seal the minutes until the litigation is settled. Selectmen Nelson second the motion and the motion carries. Roll Call: Nelson, Zacher, Robischeau

Last, the Selectmen reviewed the proposed warrant articles for the March Town meeting. On January 27, 2015, the Selectmen will finalize the 2015 Proposed Budget and then hold a public hearing on 2/3/15 at 6:30pm. It will be posted in the Granite State News on January 22, 2015.

Bills were reviewed and signed.

The next Selectmen meeting will be held on January 13, 2015 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Robischeau Administrative Assistant