



SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Dec 15, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Selectman Brian Robischeau, Selectman Rich Zacher, Selectman Bill Nelson, Laurie Champy, Mariou Maclean, Tom Hill, Diana Peckham, Dianne Smith

- **Approval of Minutes:**

***MOTION:** Selectman Nelson made a motion to accept meeting minutes from Dec 01, 2015 as presented, Selectman Zacher seconded, all in favor, motion carries.*

***MOTION:** Selectman Zacher made a motion to accept meeting minutes from Dec 03, 2015 as presented, Selectman Nelson seconded, all in favor, motion carries.*

***MOTION:** Selectman Nelson made a motion to accept nonpublic meeting minutes from Dec 03, 2015 as presented, to be sealed for 1 year, Selectman Zacher seconded, all in favor, motion carries.*

- **Public Comments:** Marilyn Bushman expressed concern for the orange traffic cones remaining on Tucker Rd. Selectman Robischeau commented that he believed they were no longer needed and that they could be removed by Ed Nason.
Ms. Bushman stated that Tucker Road was in need of grading due to the condition of the road. Selectman Robischeau stated that the grader has been set up for winter use and there will not be any additional grading work completed in 2015. He stated that the road would be gravel packed prior to winter and a full grading would be completed in the spring of 2016, he stated that Robinson Road is also on the schedule for the spring. Selectman Robischeau said he would stay in touch with Ed Nason, and that he would advise her of a date for expected completion on Tucker Road as soon as he has that information. It was mentioned by Diana Peckham that perhaps the potholes on Brice Drive could be addressed in the spring as well.
- **Treasurer:** Marilou Maclean gave acct balances. She stated that the check has been given to the Trustees of the Trust Funds from last year's warrant articles. She stated that November payroll taxes have been paid and that the payroll program for 2016 has arrived and she will be installing it. Marilou also stated that the assessing software support bill has been paid.
Marilou said she received the bill from Wolfeboro Recreation Department for 2015 and it is currently being paid.

- **Tax Collector:** Diana Peckham stated that she has received 85% of all taxes due. She stated she received a call from the owner of Map 4, Lot 14 & 24, requesting a 1 week extension, until Fri. Dec 11th, on their agreement to pay. She stated that as of today, she still has not received payment, Selectman Robischeau advised that she wait until this Fri, Dec 18th, before taking any further action.

Diana presented to the Selectmen an abatement, approved by Avitar, for Map 8, Lot 4, in the amount of \$100. This abatement was for a Veteran's exemption that was approved last year but was not entered into the computer system prior to the tax bills being printed and issued.
- **Administrative Assistant:** Laurie Champy presented the Selectmen with a copy of the proposed contract from Tri State Fire, which includes inspection of and possible service to the fire extinguishers. The Selectmen will review the contract and plan to make a decision at the next meeting. She stated she confirmed an appointment with Generator Connection for them to perform the regular semi-annual preventative maintenance service on Dec 23, 2015.
- **Planning Board:** Nothing new to report. Selectman Zacher stated the next meeting is scheduled for Thurs. Dec 17th at 6:30pm.
- **Road Agent:** Ed Nason not present. Selectman Robischeau will follow up with him Wednesday regarding discussion of work needed on Tucker Rd.
- **Conservation Commission:** Tom Hill stated they had a meeting last week that included general discussion and was held in Farmington, NH. Nothing new to report.
- **Forest Fire:** Selectman Nelson stated that Brad Williamson mentioned that he would like to propose building a structure to house the Forestry truck. The Selectmen agreed that he needs to present this at the next budget meeting on Monday Dec 21st if he is seeking funding for 2016. Laurie Champy will call Brad tomorrow and provide him with this information.
- **Heritage Commission:** Marilou Maclean questioned whether the lights in the Townhouse that were placed on a timer are functioning, it was confirmed by several people that they are working as expected.
- **Cemetery Trustees:** Tom Hill stated that they met last week and the proposed layout for the first part of the cemetery is complete. The Trustees are working on numbers for the budget and are hoping to have them completed for Monday's budget meeting.
- **New Business:** Selectman Robischeau requested from Laurie that the planned mailing for the residents affected by the upcoming bridge work on Governor's Road be mailed out. The Selectmen also requested notification to the Wakefield Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire Departments, Sheriff's office and the NH State Police. Laurie will work on issuing the letters this week.
- **Public Comments:** Dianne Smith asked if it was possible for the Agenda for the upcoming meetings to be posted on the website. Selectman Robischeau confirmed with Laurie Champy that she will post the Agenda from home prior to the meetings.

Ms. Smith also mentioned an idea that she would like to present at the next budget meeting that involves a possibility of providing a more equitable way of supporting the Town's roads. She is still waiting for additional information from other communities that are currently using this program. Her proposal would include collecting additional funds, a maximum of \$5/vehicle allowable per RSA, for vehicle registrations, and putting that funding directly into a Capital Reserve Account. She plans to have detailed information to present at the next budget meeting.

- **Correspondence:** Selectman Zacher read a letter received from Mitchell Group, the Town's legal counsel, announcing that Stephen Whitley will be joining their practice, it also stated there are new rates starting with the first billing in Feb 2016.
Selectman Robischeau spoke of information received from NH Department of Revenue. He stated that DRA is satisfied with the Town's current 99.1% equalization rate and the proper ratio that is being observed. The goal is to have a 100% equalization rate.

Checks and bills were reviewed and signed.

The next regular scheduled meeting is Jan. 12, 2016 at 6:30pm

There is a special budgetary meeting scheduled for Dec 21, 2015 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie M. Champy
Administrative Assistant