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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2013

Selectmen Present: Chair Betsy Hardwick, Scott Carbee, and Abigail Arnold

Staff Present: Michael Branley, Administrative Coordinator

Also present: Tom Anderson & Polly Freese

CALL TO ORDER: Betsy called the meeting to order 5:30

Items to Sign

1. The Board authorized Betsy to sign a form to authorize Mike to make E-911 updates
2. Payroll Manifest for 3/4/12
3. Payables Manifest for 3/4/12
4. Request from PSNH for a petition and pole license for pole number 105/181
5. Elderly/Disabled tax deferral application for Map 2 Lot 34

New Business

1. Betsy stated that Gary called her and said the roads are deteriorating to the extent that they should be posted effective March 11. There was a discussion if Potash Road should be used as a detour instead of Cross Road. The Board agreed to not make a change at this time.

MOTION: Scott made a motion to post all of the town roads with a six ton weight limit effective March 11th, post adequate notice around town, with exceptions to be granted by the Road Agent. Seconded by Abigail. All in favor.

2. Town Meeting Preparation – the Board discussed who would speak to each warrant article. The Board agreed to have Mike put together a revised PowerPoint handout similar to what he used at the public hearing. The Board discussed coverage at the Town election day. Mike will coordinate to ensure that everything is set up.
3. Betsy stated that Chief Bell informed her that the Police cruiser was involved in an incident today and it was damaged. Steve would be in to talk to Mike about putting in an insurance claim.

4. Scott stated there are two large potholes near where reconstruction ended last year on Pleasant Pond – Mike will contact Gary to see if anything can be done.

Old Business

Mike stated we received the bond for the future removal of cell tower on Dennison Pond Road, although erosion control could not be confirmed at this time because of the snow.

Polly asked if the Board had learned if the hydrants get shoveled out. Betsy said she had looked into it but was still not sure and she will contact Gary.

Correspondence

1. Email from Fletcher Taft thanking the Highway Department for their excellent snow removal on Potash Road – Betsy said to make sure a copy of this message got to the Highway Department
2. Letter from NHRS that came with our reimbursement check
3. NH DOT update for block grant aid
4. Weekly Administrative Update
5. Letter from George Sansoucy regarding the PSNH appeal
6. Letter from Upton & Hatfield regarding the PSNH appeal
7. BAC proposed meeting minutes
8. Letter from NH DOT requesting information regarding a project they are planning on a culvert on Rt. 136 over Mountain Brook. Planning Board Chair Linda Kunhardt sent the Board a draft partial response. The Board discussed the questions and some potentially helpful local information to provide. The Board agreed to forward the request on to the Conservation Commission.
9. Email from Kay Anderson asking the Board to discontinue Palmer Road – the Board discussed the matter and agreed that it is a class V road based on the Town's maintenance of it and that it is up to Town Meeting, not the Board, to discontinue roads. There was a discussion about residents putting up signs on trees in the Town's right of way along the road. The Board discussed the possibility of putting an article in the Frankestown News suggesting sign etiquette. Betsy will draft a brief response to Kay.

Administrative Update

Mike asked the Board how they usually handled seats with expiring terms on appointed committees – the Board agreed that after Town Meeting they typically post all positions coming open and send letters to incumbents to let them know their term is ending and see if they are interested in continuing.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the February 25 minutes as written.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Monday March 11th at 5:30

MOTION: Betsy made a motion to enter nonpublic session seconded by Abigail pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel.

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Betsy Hardwick	Aye
	Scott Carbee	Aye
	Abigail Arnold	Aye

The meeting room was cleared and the Board entered nonpublic session at 6:35 p.m.

At 6:45 p.m. the Board returned to public session having decided to seal the minutes having voted by a vote of 2/3's or greater of the members present to not disclose the minutes and decisions reached therein to the public, as divulgence of the information discussed likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself, until – in the opinion of a majority of the members – the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

The Board discussed the LGC's legislative update and some of the proposed bills. Mike stated he is still trying to reach Senator Odell to set up the meeting with our legislators, he sent him a letter today.

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Branley

Approved on March 25, 2013

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold