

Approved 11/13/2014

**I. CALL TO ORDER** at 6:05 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Leon Holmes, Sr., Gene Cordes, Brett Hunter and Selectmen's Clerk Jeanne Nygren.

## **II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nygren gave the latest update on the events for the Veteran's Open House taking place on Tuesday November 11, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Holmes Sr will be doing a brief introduction statement on behalf of the Board. Gunnery Sergeant Bill Dolloff USMC (retired) will also be speaking.

The Budget Committee meets next on Wednesday November 12, 2014 to take up the School District budget. Greg Fraize is due to deliver budget reports to Committee members sometime on Friday or over the weekend.

A SRRDD 53B meeting will be held on Wednesday November 12, 2014. Carlson is planning to attend. Two more towns are proposing to drop out of the District.

## **III. LIAISON REPORTS**

The Board felt that the 11/04/2014 voting at Ellis School went very well and had a large voter turnout.

Hunter recapped the 11/05/2014 Planning Board meeting. One resident had an issue with storm water run-off at the Beede Spaulding project and was asked by the Board to video tape their problem but nothing has come forth yet. The Master Plan Energy Chapter has been put on hold as the Circuit Rider Planner is on maternity leave. Their budget was revisited looking for any necessary line item transfers. In the recodification of zoning ordinances there will be a need for Fremont to have matching grant funds and they will get back on what we may need to match. Jacob Donigian came in to the Board and was upset over the estimate by engineer on Jacob's Cove bonding issues and the Board asked engineer to go back and go over figures and discuss issues. The Warrant Article Zoning Ordinance change dealing with campers and motor homes on property will be held for further discussion by the Planning Board.

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With one correction, a motion to approve the minutes of 30 October 2014 was made by Hunter. This was seconded by Cordes. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

## **V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS**

At 6:05 pm Mark Pitkin met with the Board regarding winter maintenance. The Board went through the rate information data that was provided as follows for six wheel truck rental rates:

1. Chester: \$88.50 per hour. The Town supplies one set of cutting edges per year. They do have a fuel surcharge.
2. East Kingston: \$100.00 per hour. Town does not supply anything.
3. State of NH DOT: \$68.00 on average and with the fuel surcharge price is approximately \$75.00 per hour. Truck is fully equipped by the contractor. State supplies cutting edges and provides some limited help with maintenance (such as use of State barn to fix a breakdown).

Pitkin is looking somewhere between the three price quotes 88.50 to 100.00 with one set of cutting edges per year. He also stated that the State has a different schedule with payment made as a stipend every two weeks.

Cordes then motioned to have Holmes with his six wheel truck with owner is plow and wing to be contracted at the rate of 88.50 per hour. Hunter seconded. The vote was approved 2-0 with Holmes Sr abstaining. Carlson will be asked to provide Holmes with a contract for signage. Cordes then amended the motion to have the contract include one set of cutting edges for both the plow and wing. This was seconded by Hunter. All in favor 2-0. Holmes abstained. Pitkin was thanked and left the meeting at 6:20 pm.

6:45 pm Public Input - No one present.

7:00 pm Fire Chief Richard Butler came into the meeting with an invoice and request to purchase more mobile radios using some money out of the Capital Reserve Fund for radio communication equipment. Each radio is \$3,600.00 at State contract price. Cordes asked Chief Butler to go through his budget, and get a total amount of spending left to do by the end of the year to see what funds might be left. Butler left the meeting at 7:10 pm.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

At the Highway Shed Open House it was noted there was an area in the wall's insulation with had no ceiling insulation above this area. Building Inspector Bob Meade felt the ceiling should be insulated and left an estimated quote for the Board to review. Material cost was estimated at \$250.00 to include insulation and dry wall. Cordes feels this should be done before it gets cold. Cordes asked for more information on who will do the work and where the money is coming from. Meade will be contacted and asked.

In a letter from the Building Inspector, Linda Tuck was given 30 days to rectify her code violation on a shed on her property on Tibbetts Road.

1. October 2014 budget report (full detail report) was emailed out to the Budget Committee and posted on the Town's website on 11/05/2014. Cordes wants Board members to review where we are in the budget year and may need Department Heads to come in.
2. Backup detail has been sent out to the Budget Committee on maintenance budget for the Highway Shed, which is included in the General Government Buildings budget, and not in the Highway budget.
3. Selectmen started to review the 2015 Warrant, as drafted to date.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

After review of the payroll manifest of \$23,225.32, a motion was made by Cordes to approve. This was seconded by Holmes Sr. The vote was unanimous 3-0. A motion was made by Cordes to approve the accounts payable manifest of \$18,401.72 for the current week dated 07 November 2014. Hunter seconded. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

2. Hunter reviewed bills and invoices for payment and approved payment.
3. The Board then reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence.
4. Selectmen reviewed the insurance stipend manifest for 2014 in the amount of \$1,000. Motion to approve made by Cordes and seconded by Hunter. All in favor 3-0.

5. The 2014 tax rate is \$28.22, down \$0.29 from 2013. Tax bills will be printed as soon as possible for mailing.

**VIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A**

At 7:20 pm a motion was made by Cordes go into non-public session per NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c) to work on employee and supervisor reviews. This was seconded by Holmes Sr. The roll call vote was unanimous 3-0. Hunter – aye; Holmes Sr – aye; Cordes – aye.

Nygren left the meeting for the Board to continue their work on personnel reviews.

At 8:51 pm Cordes motioned to exit non-public session. This was seconded by Holmes and the motion carried 3-0. The roll call vote: Hunter – aye; Holmes Sr – aye; Cordes – aye.

The next regular Board meeting will be a work session, to be held on Thursday November 13, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

**VIII.** At 8:52 pm Cordes motioned to recess the meeting to 5:00 pm November 11, 2014 at the Fremont Veterans' Day Ceremony/Event. Motion was seconded by Hunter and the motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren  
Selectmen's Clerk

At 5:00 pm on Tuesday November 11, 2014 Selectmen Holmes Sr and Cordes reconvened at the Fremont Town Hall for the Veteran's Open House. Hunter joined the event at approximately 6:00 pm.

Selectman Holmes Sr addressed the community at the event, along with several other guest speakers. A crowd of approximately 40-50 Veterans, residents, Scouts, and community members.

At approximately 6:30 pm Selectmen reviewed the 2014 tax warrant in the amount of \$5,291,043. Motion was made by Cordes to sign the Warrant for the collection of property taxes for 2014 in the amount of \$5,291,043. Holmes Sr seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Carlson notarized the documents. (Three originals were prepared, to be kept with the Warrant for the Tax Collector, with the printed blotter book, and in the Selectmen's permanent Warrant file.)

Following the signing of the Warrant, the Board's meeting was officially closed. Members continued to socialize with Veterans and community members present.

The Veteran's event closed at approximately 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson  
Town Administrator