

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Neal Janvrin, Roger Barham, Town Administrator Heidi Carlson and Selectmen's Clerk Jeanne Nygren. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. This meeting is live broadcast and will be rebroadcast throughout the week ahead.
2. MRI personnel are in the field working usually on Fridays for quarterly reviews of properties. They carry MRI Photo Identification and have with them, a letter from the Town. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne or Heidi in the Selectmen's Office.
3. Candidate Declaration period begins next Wednesday January 25 and runs through Friday February 3, 2017. Consult the website, postings, or contact the Town Clerk for more information.
4. School District Deliberative Session is scheduled for Saturday February 4, 2017 at 9:00 am with a snow date of Tuesday February 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm.
5. The Town Deliberative Session will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday February 6, 2017 with a snow date of Wednesday February 8, 2017. All Deliberative Sessions are held at Ellis School.
6. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Monday February 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Spaulding & Frost Community Café.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

01/17/2017 Energy Committee – meeting cancelled
01/18/2017 Planning Board – meeting cancelled

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2017 as written was made by Janvrin. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

6:45 pm Public Input-none

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen did a final review of the 2017 Town Meeting Warrant. Carlson explained the language changes made since review has finally been completed by DRA. This included the words "operating and default budget" in both Articles 6 and 8 to make it clear of the intent to include these items in future operating budgets if they pass in 2017. The other change was in Article 18, where FCTV requested the words "on the television portion of cable bills" to also clarify that only the TV portion of cable bills is affected by the franchise fee. Carlson shared information from Kevin Woods regarding how the franchise fee is calculated.

Janvrin then moved to approve the 2017 Town Meeting Warrant as amended. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0. The Board then proceeded to sign the 6 required copies.

2. Carlson has also prepared a 2017 Warrant Article Narrative that will be published and prepared for mailing to residents with the February Newsletter. Selectmen had reviewed this document and offered no changes or corrections.
3. Selectmen's 2016 Town Report insert was reviewed by the Board with no changes noted. A motion to approve this report was made by Barham. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.
4. A motion to approve the manifest for \$516.20 in check # 54529 payable to Richard Butler (check dated 12/30/2016) was made by Janvrin. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.
5. Carlson handed out the updated expenditure report with the final expenses for 2016. The full detail report has also been posted on the website.
6. Debbie Burke has made a request on behalf of the Food Pantry for the Board's assistance in purchasing cabinets for the renovation project area of the pantry. These are steel cabinets, larger than the ones they currently have. Home Depot will supply a matching grant for a free one if the Town purchases one also. There were additional questions for Carlson to ask Burke on this purchase to be addressed again at their next meeting. Questions included how many in total do they need, does Home Depot offer more than one free (grant) in the total sale; what is their weight limit, and are they locking?

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Barham to approve the accounts payable manifest for \$26,594.18 for the current week dated January 20, 2017. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.
2. A motion was made by Janvrin to sign the Cemetery Deed for Lot A35 in the new section of Leavitt Cemetery to the heirs of Sheila McCormick in care of her brother Paul McCormick. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.
3. The Board then reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence.
4. Two auditors were in the office on Thursday January 19, 2017 doing preliminary fieldwork for the 2016 audit. They will return next week for several days for the balance of the audit.

At 7:25 a motion to recess the meeting until their next appointment arrived was made by Barham. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

At 7:32 a motion was made by Barham to return to regular session. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

7:35 pm Fire Chief Butler entered with the new candidate who applied to the Fire Rescue Department. Robert J. Giegerich was introduced to the Board and those present. He has applied and attended a few months of meetings, and explained that he would like to enroll in training for both EMS and firefighter. He is currently CPR certified, and was previously a first responder (now lapsed). A motion was made by Barham to appoint Robert J. Giegerich as a member of the Fire Rescue Department for a probationary period of one year conditional on satisfactory completion of certification within that time. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

Butler and Giegerich left the meeting at approximately 7:45 pm.

VIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A

At 7:45 Janvrin moved to enter into non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A 3 II (c) to discuss a personnel matter. Cordes seconded and the roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Cordes-aye; Janvrin-aye; Barham-aye.

Chief Butler, Candidate Giegerich, Nygren and Carlson left the meeting at this time.

The Board and Rick will hold the evening of February 1, 2017 as a potential meeting date to review progress on the above listed tasks and develop a next steps action plan.

At 8:40 pm Janvrin made a motion to return to public session. The motion was seconded by Barham and approved 3-0 with a roll call vote. Cordes – yes; Janvrin – yes; Barham – yes.

At 8:41 Janvrin made a motion to adjourn, which seconded by Barham and approved 3-0.

The next regular Board meeting will be a work session, to be held on Thursday January 26, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren
Selectmen's Clerk