

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 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. 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.
2. This meeting is live broadcast and will be rebroadcast throughout this week.
3. The candidate declaration period began on Wednesday January 25, 2017. It runs through February 3, 2017 and is done through the Town Clerk's Office.
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. Work session at 6:30 prior to the session.
6. Carlson stated that a Selectmen's Meeting has been posted for a work session at 6:30 pm on Monday February 6, 2017 prior to Deliberative Session; or Wednesday February 8, 2017 in the event the meeting moves to it's snow date. Additionally, a work session in the basement renovation area of the Town Hall has been scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday February 1, 2017.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

Janvrin reported on the January 24, 2017 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting that discussed two agenda items. One was the appeal by Hard Rock Development of the Galloway project. No one made any arguments on behalf of Galloway and the applicant was not present. There was no documentation on any usage and the Board voted 4-1 to grant the appeal, as a use not allowed within the zone. The second case was a special exception on Leavitt Road for wetlands crossing relative to a two lot subdivision, which was granted.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After review of the January 19, 2017 minutes a motion was made by Barham to accept them as written. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

6:45 pm Public Input-none

At 7:15 pm South Road resident Bob Doucette came before the Board regarding several complaints about the Building Inspector. He began by voicing some ongoing problems he has encountered from the Building Inspector. He also commented on past approved permits and their accuracy. His comments and tone of voice was very well heard and not appreciated by all present. He had concerns about building code issues in his home from it's initial building permits (in the 1980's). He had not looked at his property file, but blamed the Building Inspector for this.

Rick Foye entered the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Mr Doucette covered a variety of topics from drainage of a neighbor's property. When redirected by the Chair about several certified letters the Board had on file about an illegal dwelling unit in his home, he changed the subject and continued to complain about Mr Meade. The Board asked what he was looking for and he continually raised his voice and said in essence that he wanted to tarnish Mr Meade's reputation before he left Fremont next week.

He left the meeting not pleased and remarked his next step was to call on some lawyer friends, and that he would "go to Concord and see the Town in court." He left at 7:35 pm.

At 7:35 pm Rick Foye came to the table to meet with the Board. He is here concerning the position of Building Inspector. Janvrin moved to enter 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-yes; Janvrin-yes; Barham-yes.

At 7:55 pm Janvrin moved to return to public session. Cordes seconded and the roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0; Cordes-yes; Janvrin-yes; Barham-yes.

Janvrin moved to appoint Rick Foye as Building Inspector Code Enforcement/Health Officer conditionally pending the receipt of satisfactory criminal backgrounds and driving record background checks, with a rate of \$21.00 per hour for a six month probationary period. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

At 8:00 pm Department Head Fire Chief Rich Butler came in to the meeting. He was introduced to Foye. He submitted a written policy to the Selectmen regarding out of town absences by the Chief or Fire Officers for any period of time.

He also explained to the Board that one of the Department's two thermal imaging cameras is broken and now out of service. He has the opportunity to purchase a used thermal imaging camera for \$5,500.00 which is half price, due to new NFPA standards being released and old cameras being taken back in trade. The current camera is 15 years old and should be replaced so they continue to have a camera on both fire engines. To purchase them new would cost approximately \$12,000.00 each. He did not think he could come up with these additional funds within the proposed 2017 budget, and will be preparing to request the purchase price be added to the Fire Rescue Department's new equipment operating budget line at the Deliberative Session to be able to purchase this replacement camera.

Butler and Foye left the meeting at approximately 8:10 pm.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Carlson recapped the past week of work with auditors in the office. She also presented the Town Report Comparative Statement for the Board to review explanatory language regarding appropriations. This was reviewed and approved for publication. Carlson reported the audit was quite in depth, moreso than previous audits. They were at the Town Hall for a total of four days and continue to send some follow-up requests for information.

The auditors suggested that the Board close out the \$3.15 balance that remains in an account for an Energy Committee and put the interest into the general fund. A motion to recommend closing this account was made by Janvrin to include deposit of the \$3.15 into the General Fund. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

2. The Fraud Policy and Investment Policy copies were received by the Board and there were no changes since last year in the Fraud Policy. Cordes wanted to hold the Investment Policy for one correction. A motion was made by Barham to review and readopt the Fraud Policy as written. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the payroll manifest of \$23,515.55 for the current week of January 27, 2017 was made by Janvrin. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0. A motion to approve the accounts payable manifest of \$145,392.87 for the current week of January 27, 2017 was made by Barham. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

2. Carlson reviewed with the Board the 2017 default budget form. A motion to sign the Default Budget form for posting in the amount of \$2,633,644.00 was made by Barham. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

3. The Board then reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence. There was a resignation letter from Leon Holmes, Sr. from the Planning Board was included in this folder. The Board wants a letter thanking him to be written for signature next week. A resignation letter was also received from Sam Meade from his position helping with the Town Hall maintenance and renovations.

4. A motion to approve FCTV Revolving Fund manifest FCTV 2017-2 in the amount of \$441.37 for January 2017 payroll reimbursement to the general fund was made by Barham. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

5. The February Newsletter / Town Meeting mailed edition was handed out for review. Janvrin commented on one change in the winter parking ban to state in any town road, so to clarify state roads are not included. Janvrin motion to approve as amended. This was seconded by Barham. The vote was unanimous 3-0. This will be finalized and mailed early next week.

6. After some discussion and information presented by Carlson, Barham moved to approve the Fremont Parks & Recreation's request to pay a \$700 invoice due to Yankee Timing, from the Recreation Revolving Fund for the Pumpkin Run held in October 2016. This was seconded by Janvrin. The vote was unanimous 3-0. Member signed a warrant with all the documentation information included.

VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS

At 8:10 pm Janvrin moved to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-C & E to a personnel matter and discuss a legal matter. Cordes seconded and the roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0; Cordes-yes; Janvrin-yes; Barham-yes.

Selectmen worked on the items surrounding a Clerk of the Works or General Contractor for the Town Hall renovation project, and discussed a legal matter.

At 9:20 Janvrin made a motion to return to public session. It was seconded by Barham. It was approved 3-0.

No decisions were made.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Janvrin and seconded by Barham to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

The next regular Board meeting will be a work session, to be held on Thursday February 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – by 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren
Selectmen's Clerk