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Selectmen's Meeting 5:00pm  
Town Office

Thursday, January 17, 2019

WORK SESSION MINUTES

*Approved as written: February 7, 2019*

Present: Chairman Gray, Selectmen Poirier, Ricker, Farnum and Mason, TVA Chairman Cloutier, Attorney Ken Cargill, TVA board members, Jo Anne Rainville, Karl Behr & Kate Thompson, Planning Board Chairman Perry and member Farley, Friends of the Town House member L Cook, Advisory Budget Committee members C Cook and Siniscalchi, Asst Fire Chief Bowles, Finance Officer Eastabrook, Town Administrator McWhirter and several members of the public.

- CALL TO ORDER: At 5:03pm, Chairman Gray called the meeting to order.
- APPOINTMENTS:
  - Norman Cloutier, President of Tamworth Village Association (TVA) and Attorney Ken Cargill came before the board to answer any questions concerning the possible acquisition for the sewer system. Mr. Cloutier wanted to answer questions and concerns from the previous meeting.
    1. TVA did follow all protocol concerning noticing the annual meeting and having a quorum while voting. The TVA has all the proxy forms from the last annual meeting, when the vote was taken to sell the sewer system.
    2. There are 2 different levels of membership within the TVA by laws. There are regular members and contributing members.
    3. There was a question as to whether there is more capacity for additional users. A letter from NH DES was presented stating there is room.
    4. The Tamworth Distillery is a user on the system for residential waste only. The post production waste is incompatible with the system; therefore this waste is disposed of differently.
    5. TVA will cover all the cost of the property transfer. There will be no impact to the taxpayers.
    6. The question was raised as to why the TVA wants to surrender control of the system. Members of the TVA cannot give resources or manpower any further and want the system protected for the future.
  - Attorney Cargill explained that that all the costs of the system are paid by the users. The town has authority to place a lien on property for non-payment of fees. The town will use the treasurer for banking and the capital reserve account will transfer to be the town at the time of the transfer. There is plenty of capacity for additional users. The system is only using 4,000 gals of the 19,000 per day of capacity. Mr. Cargill stated that TVA doesn't have the right to delegate governance authority. So they couldn't have anyone else run the system.
  - The discussion continued to include the use of commissioners, a proposed budget and repairing the generator and who should receive the alarm. The commissioners should set up the protocol for these items.

- The board reviewed the proposed warrant articles to put on the 2019 warrant to acquire the sewer systems.

*Selectman Poirier made a motion to put the 3 articles on the 2019 warrant with amended language to acquire the sewer system. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.*

- NEW BUSINESS:

- The board discussed with Asst Fire Chief Bowles a fire truck that is available for immediate purchase in Michigan. The issue is the funds were not encumbered in 2018 and will not be available to use until a vote at the 2019 town meeting. The proposed warrant article for this year's warrant is as follows "to raise and appropriate the \$430,000 for a new fire truck with \$234,000 coming from taxation and \$188,000 from undesignated fund balance.

- The board reviewed the spreadsheets showing a 2.5%, 2.8% and a 3% COLA raise for the employees. After a brief discussion:

*Selectman Mason made a motion to approve a 2% COLA increase across the board for all full/part time permanent employees. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed (3-2).*

- During the discussion of the 2019 department budget, the board requested that shoveling for 2 months at the end of 2019 be added to the budget for the fire and police departments.
- No changes were made to the 2019 proposed warrant articles
- The board discussed the letter from Rod Wood, Assessor about RSA 72:7-d in regards to taxing recreational vehicles. The town has 139 seasonally occupied sites on average may be assessed for around \$10,000. This is a certification year; it would be a good time to begin taxing these vehicles. After a brief discussion regarding the decreasing revenue:

*Selectman Farnum made a motion to adopt RSA 72:7-d beginning with the 2019 tax year. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.*

- A handyman position will not be pursued for 2019.

- SIGNATURE:

- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the accounts payable manifest for 2018 expenses date January 18, 2019 in the amount of \$.50. The motion was seconded Selectmen Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the accounts payable manifest for 2018 expenses date January 18, 2019 in the amount of \$65,745.05. The motion was seconded Selectmen Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the appointments for Selectman Poirier as the Deputy Health Officer. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.

- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the appointment for Selectman Mason as the Health Officer. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the following items. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
  - Veteran's Credit for map 404-044-000
  - Veteran's Credit for map 211-041-011
  - Land Use Change Tax Abatement for 413-013-000
- PUBLIC COMMENT:
  - Linda Cook, Friends of the Town House reported that the duct work at the town house needs work. The furnaces are fine. The friends will be looking into obtaining grants to have these repairs completed.
- NON PUBLIC:
  - Motion made by Chairman Gray at 8:11pm to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (a). Motion seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed by roll call vote. Gray Y, Poirier Y, Ricker Y, Farnum Y & Mason Y.
  - Motion made by Selectman Poirier to reopen the regular session at 8:15pm. Motion seconded by Chairman Gray passed by roll call vote Gray Y, Poirier Y, Ricker Y, Farnum Y and Mason Y.
- ADJOURNMENT: At 8:16pm, Selectman Poirier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Gray and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene McWhirter  
Town Administrator

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Steve Gray

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Daniel Poirier

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Aaron Ricker

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William Farnum

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Rebecca Mason