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Selectmen's Meeting 6:00 pm  
Town Office

Thursday, January 12, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Roberts, Selectmen Hidden and Roberts, Sergeant Cooper, Norman Cloutier, Coey Littlefield, Dan & Peg Poirier, Dave Dinwoodie, Bruno Siniscalchi, Becky Mason, Jack Waldron, Pat and Dave Farley, Brian Cutter, Kathy Estabrook, Darlene McWhirter and governmentoversite .com

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:15pm

II. DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES:

- Economic Development Commission

Chairman Farley invited the Selectmen to attend the Commissioner's meeting on 4/24/2017, Jeb Bradley will be speaking. The Annual meeting will be held on June 26, 2017, the board is invited to attend. The LRPC is still planning a meeting with neighboring towns to discuss regionalizing services.

- Administration

Greg Colby of Vachon Clukay and his associate spent a day in Tamworth to begin preliminary work on the 2016 audit. They worked with the Tax Collector/Clerk, Finance Office and the Treasurer. The questionnaire regarding internal controls risk assessment from Vachon Clukay will be submitted as completed.

The 2017 Budget Public hearing will be held on February 9, 2017 @ 6:00pm. The regular Selectmen's meeting will begin at 5:00pm.

Filing period for Town Election Candidates is January 25, 2017 to February 3, 2017.

III. SIGNATURE FILE:

- Motion made by Chairman Roberts to approve and sign the Selectmen's Minutes for December 30, 2016 & January 5, 2017. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Chairman Roberts to approve and sign the Selectmen's Non Public Minutes for December 30, 2016 & January 5, 2017. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Hidden made a motion to approve and sign the accounts payable manifest and check register dated January 19, 2017 in the amount of \$280,250.11 for 2017 expenses. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

- Chairman Roberts made a motion to approve and sign the accounts payable manifest and check register dated January 19, 2017 in the amount of \$58,789.04 for 2016 expenses. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Chairman Roberts to approve and sign the payroll manifest of January 19, 2017 in the amount of \$21,765.64 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$11,184.73 for direct deposit (included in this amount) and an additional transfer for the Federal Tax Deposit of \$7,386.77 and \$131.75 for processing fees (not included in the above amount). Motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Chairman Roberts to appoint Barb Bloomberg an alternate member of the Economic Development Commission. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.
- The Board approved and signed the following items:
  - Elderly Exemption – 211-014-011
  - Veteran's Tax Credit – 414-019
  - Administrative Abatements – various
  - 2016 Abatement – 420-014

#### IV. APPOINTMENTS:

- Brian Cutter, Tamworth Outing Club came to report that the Dog Sled race this year is scheduled for February 4 & 5, 2017. More snow is needed, but plans are moving forward. He is to speak with Road Agent Roberts in regards to moving snow and Sergeant Cooper to help with road safety.
- Chris Mackin of Rmon Network was invited by the Board to discuss his IT proposal. Rmon provides outsourced IT support for small to medium business. The company offers 24/7 network monitoring, live help desk support and strategic planning. The board agreed to hire Rmon Network.
- David Little asked the board to include additional items in this years' Annual Town Report. He is asking that the previous year's audit report and auditors comments be included. Mr. Little is asking that vendors from all funds be included in the vendors list in the town report. He also asked that other items be looked at such as: new formatting, possibly including graphs and charts, grouping payroll by departments etc. Mrs. McWhirter stated that we would certainly look at making some of the changes this year. The board agreed to include an audit report depending on the size.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS:

#### VI. SELECTMEN'S UPDATE:

- Selectman Gray reported that the Conservation Commission will be submitting the list of appointments for new members and alternates. The Library budget is being working on, he shared that the Library has a number of programs. The Road agent and crew are busy sanding and plowing. He reported that the tractor at the Transfer Station has been repaired. Selectman Gray stated he has received positive feedback from residents regarding Sergeant Cooper.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- Irene's Way – no change

- Jack Waldron stated that Glen Evans said to speak with Frank Drew regarding snow plowing Irene's Way. It is believed that Road Agent Roberts in the 1950's was asked by residents to snow plow to the old ticket booth to go ice fishing.
- Sandwich Perambulation – no change

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mrs. Poirier commented on leadership issues and how she felt Penny Colby was not ready or qualified to become Police Chief. She feels that hiring her was a disservice to the town and to Penny.
- Mrs. Littlefield commented that she thought it was disrespectful that Chairman Roberts blamed Selectman Hidden for the current situation regarding the Police Department. She went on to read a lengthy statement critical of Chairman Robert's position about the Police Chief situation.
- Mrs. Mason questioned whether we had a police chief or not. She had several questions about police procedures. Chairman Roberts explained they would be going into non-public session about the police Chief situation and may be able to provide further information about that later. She went on to inquire about the personnel policy not being updated regarding the status of an employee that is not classified in the current policy. She also pointed out changes to the 91A laws that the Selectmen are aware of.

IX. NON PUBLIC PER RSA 91– A:3 II (a)

- Motion made by Chairman Roberts at 7:20pm to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (a). Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed by roll call vote. Roberts Y, Hidden Y & Gray Y.
- Motion made by Chairman Roberts to reopen the regular session at 7:45 pm. Motion seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Selectman Hidden stated that the Board is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Penny Colby. Selectman Hidden made a motion to accept the resignation, the motion seconded by Selectmen Gray and passed. (2-0-1)

- X. ADJOURNMENT: At 7:47pm, Chairman Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Hidden and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McWhirter  
Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

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John E. Roberts

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James S. Hidden

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Steven G. Gray