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Selectmen's Meeting 6:00pm
Town Office

Thursday, October 18, 2018

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Gray, Selectmen Poirier, Ricker, Farnum and Mason, Road Agent Roberts, Asst Chief Bowles, Police Chief Littlefield, EDC Chairman Farley, Town Administrator McWhirter, videographer from Government Oversight.com and several members of the public.

- CALL TO ORDER: At 6:00pm, Chairman Gray called the meeting to order and observed a moment of silence for the passing of lifelong resident David Bowles.
- DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES:
 - Highway
 - Road Agent Roberts reported that the town took delivery of the new truck. He and his crew have been working on fall maintenance and preparing the equipment for the winter season. The paving and shoulder work is complete on Durrell Road. The road side mowing is about 60% complete. Mr. Roberts would like to thank Will Streeter for repairing the furnace at the garage at no cost. He also thanked John Roberts for the use of his equipment at no cost to the town. Mr. Roberts also thanked Pat Farley for all she does for the town and feels she should be recognized. Road Agent Roberts requested \$32,611.78 be placed in his budget from the FEMA reimbursement and that \$30,000 of the remaining FEMA funds be put in the Bridge Capital Reserve. The Board agreed to this request and it will be done after the public hearing. The board briefly discussed with Mr. Roberts correspondence from NH DOT regarding a stop sign being placed at the bottom of Page Hill Road at Route 113. Neither the Board nor the Road Agent are in favor of this change. Rep Mark McConkey will be invited to a board meeting to discuss further.
 - Fire
 - Assistant Fire Chief Bowles reported that the extrication training that was hosted by the Tamworth Fire Department and Ricker's Auto Salvage was a well-attended success. Preliminary report on air quality at the Central Fire Station is no asbestos in the tiles and mold in certain areas. Still awaiting final report. Some repair work on the frost wall will be completed. The trucks are being inspected and the battery was replaced in the South Tamworth truck.
 - Police
 - Police Chief Littlefield presented statistics for September 2018. This upcoming week is Red Ribbon Week (anti-drug) at the school. Drug Take Back Day is October 27, from 10am to 2pm at the Police Department lobby. Halloween is October 31 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

- EDC
 - Chairman Farley discussed a program by LRPC for town wide broadband mapping to show underserved areas that will be conducted within a week or so. John Gotjen will be participating and is still looking for volunteers to assist.
- Friends of the Town House
 - Member Melanie Streeter requested approval to purchase Nest for the thermostats at the town house.

Selectman Poirier made a motion for the friends of the town house to purchase and install Nests for the thermostats at a cost of \$1,038. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.

Selectman Farnum volunteered to replace the furnace grate at the town house. Mrs. Streeter also reported that new folding chairs have been purchased with the funds from the TVA grant.

- Administration

Town Administrator McWhirter reported that the Right to Know request from CMI has been satisfied. The Transfer Station will be resuming its winter hours from 8am to 4 pm beginning November 7th. Representative McConkey will be invited to a board meeting to discuss the letter from NH DOT regarding concerns related to NH Route 113. Chairman Gray, Selectmen Farnum and Mason will attend the Primex training "Recruiting Hiring & Termination" on Monday, October 22nd from 9-12. A work session will be scheduled for November 5th to complete employee evaluations. The costs of snow plowing and shoveling will be accounted for within individual budgets for Fire, Police, Town House and Town Office. Ms. McWhirter thanked the board members for assisting in the basement cleanup. The town received a donation of \$250 to go towards town house renovations from the Tamworth History Center.

Selectmen Poirier made a motion to accept the funds and that they can be expended for the renovations at the town house. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed unanimously.

- NEW BUSINESS:
 - The board had a lengthy discussion regarding the new Waste Management Contract and recycling now and going forward. The board has decided with the increased costs of recycling the transfer station will only recycling aluminum and cardboard until the markets come back. The board expects to increase the fees on C & D material. A public hearing will be held within the next couple of weeks to discuss the changes.
- SIGNATURE FILE:
 - Chairman Gray made motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes for September 20, 2018 as amended. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed (3-0-2).
 - Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes of October 4, 2018 as written. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed (4-0-1).
 - Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes for October 11, 2018 as written. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
 - Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign (5) Selectmen's non-public minutes of October 4, 2018. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.

- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the accounts payable manifest and check register date October 25, 2018. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the payroll manifest dated October 25, 2018. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the Yield Tax Levy 407-028-000. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- **SELECTMEN'S UPDATE:**
 - Selectman Poirier attended the Economic Development Commission meeting. The next Veteran's Committee meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2018 at 5pm at the Cook Memorial Library.
 - Selectman Mason has been in contact with Steve Know from Albany to discuss broadband. Selectman Mason's FEMA certifications are all up to date.
 - Selectman Ricker's hosted the extrication training for the firefighters from Tamworth and surrounding areas.
 - Selectman Farnum discussed taking more of a leadership role with the Municipal Safety Building Committee. He would like a person not on the committee to record the minutes. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19th at 7pm at the Central Fire Station.
 - Chairman Gray reported on upcoming programs being sponsored by the conservation commission. October 28th is mushrooms at White Lake State Park and February 15, 2019 Sue Morse to speak on local wildlife and plants.
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - Master Plan
 - MOU for the generator schedule for the 11/1/2018 meeting
 - Custodian/Handyman scheduled for the 10/25/2018 meeting
- **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - Casslyn Cook asked that the final report for the Recreation Advisory Committee be made available throughout town and the board agreed.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:15pm, Selectman Poirier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Gary and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McWhirter
Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

Steve G. Gray

William Farnum

Daniel J. Poirier

Rebecca Mason

Aaron Ricker