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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Public Hearing 6:00pm
Selectmen's Meeting following Public Hearing
Town Office

Thursday, February 23, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Selectmen Hidden and Gray, Town Administrator Darlene McWhirter, Finance Officer Kathy Estabrook, Sergeant Cooper, videographer and members of the public.

- I. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING per RSA 41:8-c -Selectman Hidden opened the public hearing at 6:00pm.
- A number of members of the community discussed the pros and cons to increasing the number of Select board members from 3 to 5. Some members of the public feel it is worth a try:
 - 5 heads are better than 3 heads
 - more members lesser individual work load
 - there is a need for younger members

Some individuals do not see the need for the change. If the town votes to enlarge its select board, the change does not take place until the first annual meeting following the meeting at which the question was acted upon. At that time, 2 members shall be elected for a 3 year term and one for a 1 year term. At the next annual meeting 2 members shall be elected for a 3 year term, at the next following annual meeting 1 member would be elected for a 3 year term, and at succeeding meetings members shall be elected to fill the vacancies regularly occurring.

- II. CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING: At 6:24pm Selectman Hidden closed the public hearing.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Selectman Hidden called the meeting to order at 6:25pm.

- II. DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES:

- Economic Development Commission
 - Chairman Farley reminded the board of the LRP Commissioner's meeting on April 24th with Senator Jeb Bradley and the LRPC Annual Dinner on June 26th at the Wolfeboro Inn. Chairman Farley stated that the State of NH has \$1.6 million in a rainy day fund to be disbursed among cities and towns. The MWV Economic Council will be hosting a fund aiser in the fall. The Tamworth Art Forum is scheduled for May 2017.
- Police Department
 - Sergeant Cooper has been very busy with patrols and prosecutions. He shared that he was able to assist a stranded CNN reporter and as a thank you she donated \$200 to the PD. Sergeant Cooper explained that he is working a varied schedule depending on what is needed during a particular week.

- Administration
 - Greg Colby from Vachon Clukay has been in for 2 days conducting the 2016 audit.
 - John Gotjen and David Bowles will be appointed to the LRPC TAC committee is another 2 year term.
 - A Representative from RMon Network reviewed an extensive infrastructure plan and discussed the town office needs. Some changes are urgent while others can wait. The town does not have a firewall, some switches need to be upgraded and the way the server is backing up needs to be updated and the server should have a battery backup.
 - The board agreed to refund monies the town has been holding on account for tax cards.
 - Road agent Roberts will be posting the town roads beginning February 27, 2017.

III. SIGNATURE FILE:

- Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve and sign the Selectmen's Minutes for February 9, 2017. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.
- Selectman Hidden made a motion to approve and sign the accounts payable manifest and check register dated March 3, 2017 in the amount of \$262,833.26 for 2017 expenses. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Selectman Hidden to approve and sign the payroll manifest of March 3, 2017 in the amount of \$23,004.08 with authorization for a transfer in the amount of \$11,378.30 for direct deposit (included in this amount) and an additional transfer for the Federal Tax Deposit of \$7,774.39 and \$125.00 for processing fees (not included in the above amount). Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.
- Selectman Hidden made a motion to approve and sign the 2017 Budget (MS-636). Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.
- Selectman Hidden made a motion to approve and sign the 2017 Town Warrant. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.
- The Board approved and signed the following items:
 - Vachon Clukay – Letter of Agreement
 - For CDBG project
 - Code of Ethics
 - Financial Management Plan

IV. APPOINTMENTS:

- Norman Cloutier came before the board to update them on the progress of the CDB grant and Tamworth Village association. TVA has negotiated a contract with Ambrose Brothers to complete the work to replace the failing septic system. The project should be completed by Memorial Day. The Grant award should be signed by the Governors Council March 8. The beginning stages of the project have begun with the help of the Tamworth Foundation. The Tamworth Association has reached an agreement with the Remick Foundation to purchase the land holding the septic for \$1.00. Because the town owns 3 buildings that are on the TVA system, Mr. Cloutier asked if a board member would serve as a TVA board member. Both Selectmen Hidden and Gray felt that would be a good idea. However, they will wait until after the election to decide who would serve. If a board member is not available to serve, Mary Cronin of the Cook Memorial Library is able to. He reviewed what would be discussed at the Annual board meeting and requested that the board attend the meeting on March 25th.
- David Little came before the board to ask if they would consider holding an additional public hearing on the budget to review revenues. After some discussion it was decided that an

addition meeting will not be held, but a breakdown of expenses and the revenue offset will be compiled in a handout at the next selectmen's meeting. The board suggesting forming a finance committee to review revenues just before tax rate setting.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

VI. SELECTMEN'S UPDATE:

- Selectman Gray reminded residents that candidate's night is March 6th. The current Chairman of the Planning Board attended his last meeting. He will not be serving on the planning board going forward. Transfer Station Supervisor will be updating the fees to recycle tires. Selectmen Gray attending a meeting in Moultonborough on regionalization. The next meeting will be April 11th at Tuftonboro Fire Department.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- Irene's Way – no change
- Sandwich Perambulation – no change
- Tamworth Road – no change

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

IX. NON PUBLIC per RSA 91-A:3 II(a):

- Motion made by Selectman Hidden at 7:54pm to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (a). Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed by roll call vote. Hidden Y & Gray Y.
- Motion made by Selectman Hidden to reopen the regular session at 8:11pm. Motion seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

- X. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:15pm, Selectmen Hidden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gray and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McWhirter
Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

John E. Roberts

James S. Hidden

Steven G. Gray