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Selectmen's Meeting 6:00pm
Town Office

Thursday, March 22, 2018

MINUTES

Approved as amended April 19, 2018

Present: Chairman Gray, Selectmen Poirier, Ricker, Farnum and Mason, Road Agent Roberts, Police Chief Littlefield, Transfer Station Supervisor Johnson, EDC Chairman Farley, Friends of the TH members M. Streeter and B. Walker, Town Administrator McWhirter, videographer from governmentoversite.com and 17 members of the public.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. APPOINTMENTS:

- Melanie Streeter and Barbara Walker, Friends of the Town House reported that they have met with a number of contractors and are waiting for proposals to complete renovations after the mold remediation. Air Quality Management Service will test once more now that the remediation has been completed. Ms. Streeter has contacted the NH Preservation Alliance to see if the Town House will qualify as a historic building. A tour of the town house will be arranged for Selectmen to see what has been done to date.
- A number of residents asked the board to have a noise monitoring plan in place before Club Motorsports (CMI) opens for the season. From a letter provided by Richard Doucette and Gabrielle Watson the residents are asking the board to do the following:
 - Direct CMI to comply with Section 2 (c) of the ordinance: "the operator of the facility shall monitor the sound level and provide such data to the town upon request"
 - Direct CMI to provide a copy of the tracks operating plan, highlighting the methods used by CMI to comply with the noise ordinance.
 - A commitment from the Board of Selectmen to have a plan in place before the track opens to monitor the noise and ensure compliance with the noise ordinance.The residents feel all this information should be published on CMI's website for transparency. Selectman Mason made a motion to request these items from CMI. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed unanimously. The board directed Town Administrator McWhirter to request these items from CMI.

III. DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES:

- Highway

- Road Agent Roberts reported that he and his crew have been busy dealing with storms, tree cleanup and filling potholes. He met with paving companies and is requesting bids for paving. Mr. Roberts will begin having the gravel crushed at the end of April/first of May. He will still need to buy some materials. The crew will begin to work on Gardner Hill & Durrell Road this spring, then on Washington Hill, depending on paving costs. The board reviewed the proposal for the new truck and plow. The truck is priced at \$81,000 and plow at \$72,000. Road Agent Roberts will change the wing set up on the plow at an additional cost of \$3,000 to \$4,000. He is expecting about \$20,000 for the trade in. There is a lead time of 6 to 8 months on delivery of the truck. Selectman Farnum made a motion to purchase the new highway truck (2019, 7400 SFA 4x2 and plow) as discussed. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.
- Transfer Station
 - Transfer Station Johnson reported everything is going well. The station has returned to the summer hours of 8am to 4pm. He has been working on the loader/backhoe.
- Police
 - Chief Littlefield reported that it is business as usual. He ordered 3 new tasers as approved at town meeting.. The Police Department will be rolling out some new programs this spring. The administrative assistant will begin her new hours on April 2nd. The board and Chief Littlefield discussed the message on the answering machine and the need for people to call 911 if they are calling with an emergency.
- Administration
 - Town Administrator McWhirter stated she would like to get Mike Ames from Fine Line Carpentry started on the repairs to the Town offices. Selectmen Mason made a motion to have the front steps repaired now. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed unanimously. The board would like to review the 3 job descriptions of the Selectmen's office before the Assessing Clerk/Secretary job is posted. They will also review the policy for figuring overtime. These items will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. The board members will attend the 2018 Local Officials Workshop in Moultonborough on May 15th. The Selectmen's office will be closed that day. Tamworth may see visitors from HGTV's show Log Cabin Living who will be filming sometime in April. The board agreed to ask the department heads to turn their bills in every Friday.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Melanie Streeter asked the board to look for volunteers to form an advisory committee to look at the recreation department in depth regarding programs, what other towns offer and ask the community what they would like. The board asked administrator McWhirter to post the request on the town website.
- In conjunction with the school board and Chief Littlefield, the board may set up listening sessions to discuss safety in the community and the school.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- Selectman Poirier made a motion to appoint Steve Gray as chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum and passed unanimously.
- Selectmen will serve as the representative to the following committees:
 - Planning Board, Ex Officio – Aaron Ricker, Daniel Poirier Alternate
 - Capital Improvement – Becky Mason, Daniel Poirier Alternate
 - Conservation Commission – Steve Gray
 - Public Safety Building Committee – Willie Farnum
 - Cook Memorial Library – William Farnum
 - Municipal Records Committee – Steve Gray
 - Economic Development – Dan Poirier
 - Joint Loss Management Committee – Becky Mason
 - Road Study Committee – will speak to the committee
 - Mount Washington Economic Council – Pat Farley
 - Lakes Region Planning Commission – Aaron Ricker and Pat Farley
 - LRPC Round Table Discussions – Aaron Ricker
 - Regional Select Boards Meeting – All members may attend
 - Tamworth Village Association – Steve Gray, Daniel Poirier Alternate

VI. SIGNATURE FILE:

- Chairman Gray made a motion to sign and approve the Selectmen's minutes for March 8, 2018. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier. The vote was 2-0-3. (The reason is that there are 3 new members who were not members at the March 8th meeting.)
- Chairman Gray made a motion to sign and approve the Selectmen's nonpublic minutes for March 8, 2018. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier. The vote was 2-0-3. (The reason is that there are 3 new members who were not members at the March 8th meeting.)
- Chairman Gray made a motion to sign and approved the accounts payable check register and manifest dated March 29, 2018 in the amount of \$444,694.66. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to sign and approved the accounts payable check register and manifest dated March 13, 2018 in the amount of \$8,878.53. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.
- Selectman Mason made a motion to sign and approved the accounts payable check register and manifest dated March 20, 2018 in the amount of \$11,616.46. The motion was seconded by Selectman Ricker and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to sign and approve the payroll manifest dated March 15, 2018 in the amount of \$23,105.10. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Selectman Farnum made a motion to sign and approve the Air Quality Management Service proposal. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- The board approve and signed the following items:
 - Veteran's Credit – 213-059
 - Current Use Change Tax 412-06.3
 - Report of cut 410-044
 - Appointments to LRPC for Aaron Ricker and Pat Farley.
 - Chairman Gray made a motion to table the appointment for Sam Martin as the Deputy Welfare Officer. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier

and failed (3-2) after discussion of the pay rate and to allow Selectman Farnum to speak with the welfare officer about the request.

VII. SELECTMEN'S UPDATE:

- Members of the Board attended Town meeting, voting and the recount.
- Chairman Gray attended the Library Trustees meeting. He also attended the Conservation Commission and reported they have a number of programs coming up including bird watching. TCC is having all towns easements reviewed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Selectman Mason would like the board to look at current use in Tamworth.
- Selectman Mason will not be in attendance at the April 5, 2018 meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:51 pm, 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

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

Steve G. Gray

Daniel J. Poirier

Aaron Ricker

William W. Farnum

Rebecca Mason