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Selectmen's Meeting
Town Office

Thursday, April 5, 2018

MINUTES

Approved May 3, 2018

Present: Chairman Gray, Selectmen Poirier, Ricker & Farnum, Transfer Station Supervisor Johnson, Police Chief Littlefield, Friends of the TH Melanie Streeter, Ned Beecher, Conservation Commission, Dave Haskell and several members of the public.

- CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
- DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES:
 - Transfer Station
 - Transfer Station Supervisor reports everything is going well. He will have one of the spare containers worked on. The chipper has been repaired and working well.
 - Police Department
 - Chief Littlefield presented a number of programs that the Department will be implementing into the community: Project Good Morning, Bicycle Safety Awareness, You Speak...We Listen! Public Safety Listening Session & Request for Property Check. Chief Littlefield shared a Cadet Academy Press Release for Sergeant Sheehy who will be serving as a Squad Advisor at the NH Police Cadet Training Academy.
 - Friends of the Town House
 - Member Melanie Streeter submitted an estimate from J & J Floor Covering to supply and install treads for the stairway to the 2nd floor at a cost of \$2,816.65. The work can be scheduled for the end of April and will be completed in one day. Chairman Farnum made a motion to approve the work at the town house by J & J Floor Covering to install stair treads for \$2,816.65. The motion was seconded by Selectman Ricker and passed unanimously. An estimate from Weiler Building Services to sand and finish painted floors with 3 coats of polyurethane. The 1st floor will cost of \$3,750.00 and the 2nd floor will cost of \$2,750.00. Selectman Farnum made a motion to approve the contract with Tom Weiler, Weiler Building Services to sand and finish the 2nd floor of the town house for \$2,750.00. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Ricker and passed (3-0-1).

Quite a bit of electrical work has been done at the Town House which should be completed by Monday. A plumber is needed to hook up the water heater and Jesse Lyman should be in to check the furnace before that gets turned on again. The water needs to be turned on. Selectman Farnum suggests waiting until the contractors are there for the kitchen to turn on

the water and to connect the water heater. He also suggests allowing the Friends of the TH to continue to oversee all the projects, scheduling work etc. Fire Chief Colcord will not be overseeing the projects at the town house going forward. Ms. Streeter reported that after conversations with the contractor the issue with the structural integrity of the building is not as crucial as once thought. At the April 19th meeting the Friends of the Town House will have estimates for the replacement of the kitchen and basement work.

A majority of the Board members will meet with Andrew Cushing from the NH Historical Alliance at the Town House Monday April 9th at 10:00am.

- Economic Development Commission
 - Chairman Pat Farley reminded residents of the “Wet Paint” event May 7 – May 13, 2018. Artists are coming to town to paint and nightly receptions are planned. Lakes Region Planning Commission’s commission meeting is in Ossipee on May 21, 2018. The discussion will be “Safety on Route 16”. An invitation is extended to the BOS and Planning Board to attend. 3rd Annual Street Fair is planning for August 4, 2018. Mrs. Farley suggests that the Tamworth Board make recommendations for road repair when asked by LRPC road study. She will also ask the LRPC us the Town of Albany can be part of the road study.

- APPOINTMENTS:

- Ned Beecher, Tamworth Conservation Commission reported that after some negotiations, the Conservation Commission has voted to recommend the purchase of a small triangle piece of land from the Community School for \$18,300. This lot is adjacent to Jackman Pond and bordering a town easement. A public hearing will be posted sometime in April. The purchase will be made with conservation funds.

- NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairman Gray asked the board members to be prepared to discuss Irene’s Way and White Lake State park at the April 19th meeting.

- PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Resident David Haskell reported that the All Veteran’s Tax Credit incremental increases failed to pass the house and will not be implemented. He also reported the state is proposing the Veteran’s Tax Credit be increased to \$750 per year and the totally disabled tax credit be increased to \$4,000 per year. At town meeting, Mr. Haskell asked for a survey about resident veterans to be sent out with the tax bills. He will be able to provide funding for this.
- Selectman Poirier stated that he has been approached with a number of concerns regarding the position the town may be put in regarding CMI and Selectmen Farnum’s known opposition and involvement with this issue. Selectman Poirier suggests town counsel be consulted as to how to proceed and for town counsel to look at the legality of the current noise ordinance. He will be asked to attend a meeting with board.
- The discussion continued between residents and board members about the noise ordinance and CMI to whether Selectmen Farnum or other board members should recuse themselves from any discussions concerning this matter. Residents asked if other businesses were going to be tested for noise violations. Selectmen Gray stated that the noise ordinance was a petition warrant article that was passed at the 2005 town meeting written strictly to enforce noise at the race track. For this ordinance to be changed it would need to be amended at a town meeting. Members of CMI expressed displeasure that none of the board members have been to the track to see the world class facility and to experience the track. They stated this is a wonderful economic opportunity for the

community. There needs to be a relationship between CMI and the residents. The board was invited by a member to experience the track. Selectman Farnum thanked the residents and members of the track for coming to the meeting and stated he would like to work together for every ones benefit.

- SIGNATURE FILE:

- Chairman Gray made a motion to sign and approve the accounts payroll check register and manifest dated April 12, 2018 in the amount of \$361,946.67. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Selectman Farnum made a motion that Chairman Gray signs the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the LRPC electricity aggregation program. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the Petition and Pole License on Chinook Trail. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the Letter to State of NH Liquor commission – Dube & Robinson. The motion seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign paperwork from NH DOS regarding operation of Tice’s Automotive at 1800 White Mountain Highway. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- After some discussion, Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the License & Service Agreement for Virtual Town Hall. Motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the following Notices of Intent to Excavate: 201-39, 210-003, 413-14, 413-13 & 206-40. Motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign a Yield Tax Levy for map 404-039 in the amount of \$697.13. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Selectman Farnum made a motion to approve and sign the appointment form for Sam Martin as the Deputy Welfare Officer. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- The Board approved and signed the following item: No motion was made.
 - Report of Appropriations Actually voted (MS-232)

- SELECTMEN’S UPDATE:

- Selectman Farnum stated that the State will be resurfacing a small part of Cleveland Hill Road and has inquired about taking down trees and removing limbs near ordination rock. Road Agent Roberts will inquire as to when this work will begin and exactly what will be done. Cemetery Trustee Albee has also been working closely with the State regarding this issue.
- Chairman Gray attended the Tamworth Village Association (TVA) annual meeting. The new septic system is complete and functioning properly. Mr. Cloutier will attend the next Selectmen’s meeting to discuss the future of TVA. The road study committee would like at least 2 select board members to attend their next meeting. Selectman Poirier will be the Selectmen’s rep to the Road Study committee with Selectmen Farnum being the alternate. They will both attend the next meeting.
- Selectman Farnum presented a draft policy concerning the repairs at the town house to be discussed at the next meeting.

- OLD BUSINESS:

- The discussion concerning the Assessing clerk job description will be postponed until the next meeting.
- The discussion on Tamworth’s overtime policy and how to figure the overtime rate will also be discussed at the next meeting.

- ADMINISTRATION:

- The rolling counter shutter and glass has been ordered for the Selectmen's office.
 - The cable franchise agreement expired on 3/3/12018. Charter Communications presented a new agreement. After some discussion the board will not sign the agreement without negotiations. This will be dealt with at a later date. Chairman Gray made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- ADJOURNMENT: At 8:20pm, Selectman Poirier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Farnum 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