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Public Hearing 6:00pm  
Selectmen's Meeting 6:30pm  
K A Brett School

Thursday, November 15, 2018

MINUTES

*Approved as written: November 29, 2018*

Present: Chairman Gray, Selectmen Poirier & Farnum, Transfer Station Supervisor Johnson, Road Agent Roberts, Conservation Commission Chairman O'Bryan, Advisory Budget Committee members Streeter, Remick, Cook & Siniscalchi, Asst Fire Chief Bowles, Town Administrator McWhirter, governmentoversite.com videographer and many members of the public.

- CALL THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER: Chairman Gray opened the public hearing at 6:01pm.
  - Per RSA 31:95-b Chairman Gray stated the public hearing is to accept and expend \$65,742.37 from FEMA funds received from the October 30, 2017 storm. Road Agent Roberts will spend \$35,742.37 to replenish material used to repair roads after the storm and \$30,000 will be presented at town meeting to be transferred to the bridge capital reserve. After some discussion:

*Selectman Farnum made a motion to accept and expend \$65,742.37 from FEMA funds. The motion was seconded By Selectmen Poirier and passed (3-0).*

- At 6:09pm, Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.
- Chairman Gray opened the public hearing at 6:10pm.
  - Per RSA 41:9-a Chairman Gray stated the public hearing was to change Transfer Station Fees. With the recommendation of the Transfer Station Supervisor, the board has increased the fees for Construction/Demolition from \$30.00/per cubic yard to \$35.00/per cubic yard. The minimum charge will change from \$3.00 to \$5.00. After some discussion:

*Selectman Farnum made a motion to change the construction/demotion charge from \$30.00/per cubic yard to \$35.00/per cubic yard. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed (3-0).*

The board expressed their regret that the decision was made not to recycle glass, paper, tin cans and plastics at this time. With the new contract, the increase in fees would be over \$30,000 to dispose of these items. At this time, there is no market to dispose of these items. The public is interested in forming a committee to research other avenues and the board is in favor of this and will welcome any information the committee can provide.

At 7:26pm, Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

Chairman Gray recessed the meeting at 7:26pm.

- CALL TO SELECTMEN'S MEETING TO ORDER: At 7:30pm, Chairman Gray opened the Selectmen's Meeting.
- APPOINTMENTS:
  - Tamworth Conservation Commission Chairman Nelson O'Bryan attended the meeting to present the Conservation Easement donated by the Alt family for the board's acceptance and signature.

*Selectman Farnum made a motion to accept the generous donation from the Alt Family of a conservation easement on maps 414-058-000 and 414-059-000. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed (3-0).*

- Members of the Advisory Budget Committee came before the board to discuss the Board of Selectmen's budget 4310.10. The budget committee asked for a detailed explanation of the disbursements in the contingency fund. Last year the Christmas wreaths and holiday luncheon were paid from this line. The advisory committee asked if the board could find someone to donate wreaths going forward.
- ADMINISTRATION:
  - Selectman Farnum presented paperwork to discuss the cost share for health and dental insurance for 2019. Selectman Farnum is recommending a simpler method to calculate the cost share change for full time employees to 90%/10% split for the Site of Service deductible plans. If an employee chooses the plan without the deductible he is recommending the employee pay the difference between the premiums. For a modified full time employee the rate would be calculated using the amount the town pays for a full time employee with an 80%/20% split. The full time employee choosing the SOS deductible plan will have \$500 deposited into a Flexible Spending account and a modified full time employee would have \$400 deposited into a Flexible Spending account. The same calculation will be applied to dental coverage. The board agreed to discuss these cost share changes with the employees as presented by Selectman Farnum. The board agreed to change the prescription option from 1 to option 2.

*Selectman Poirier made a motion to change the prescription portion of the health insurance for 2019 being offered to the employees to option 2 from option 1. The new plan will be R=10/25/40, M=10/40/70. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Farnum and passed (3-0).*

A meeting with the employees will be scheduled for Monday, November 26 at 9:00am to discuss the changes. A non-public meeting will be scheduled for Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> to meet with employees to present performance evaluations.

The board discussed that Ms. Capron, Public Utility Appraiser stated the utility values for GSP White Lake will be available Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. The MS-1 should have been filed by September 1, 2018. Because of this delay, the tax rate still has not been set and therefore tax bills will not be out until the beginning of December. After some discussion:

*Selectman Farnum made a motion to assign a value of \$5.5m to GSP White Lake map 214-217-001 if the town doesn't receive the value from the State of NH within the next 24hrs.*

*The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier. After a brief discussion, the motion was amended by Chairman Gray to increase the value to \$6m.*

*Selectman Farnum made a motion to assign a value of \$6.m to GSP White Lake map 214-217-001 if the town doesn't receive the value from the State of NH within the next 24 hrs.*

*The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.*

Selectman Farnum will review the foundation work done at the Town House by J & S Masonry. The payment will be prorated if the work is not satisfactorily completed.

▪ PUBLIC:

- Assistant Fire Chief Bowles presented information regarding the new fire truck for the 2019 warrant. The truck will cost \$410,000 at this time. Since the contract won't be signed until next year, he has asked that a 5% increase be added to the total funds. He is asking that the board include a warrant article on this year's warrant for \$430,000, with \$384,000 to come from undesignated fund balance and the balance of \$46,000 to be raised from taxes.

▪ SIGNATURE FILE:

- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes for November 1, 2018 as amended. Selectman Farnum amended the minutes to include David Bowles name for consideration to have a bridge be named after him. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's minutes for November 5, 2018. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the Selectmen's non-public minutes of November 5, 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 dated November 8, 2018 in the amount of \$283,821.76. 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 dated November 21, 2018 in the amount of \$1,191.73. 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 dated November 21, 2018 in the amount of \$136.67. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the Payroll manifest dated November 21, 2018 in the amount of \$33,417.40. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the Payroll manifest dated November 21, 2018 in the amount of \$39,995.65. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the 2018 Equalization paperwork. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the following items. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
  - Intent to cut Map 411-30 Backland off Breakneck Hill Road
  - Intent to Cut Map 411-31 off of Breakneck Hill Road
  - Intent to Cut Map 407-67 off Philbrick Neighborhood Road
  - Administrative Abatement – 415-069-000
  - MOU Sheltering & Mass Care Facilities

- Driveway Permit – 206-002-003

- SELECTMEN'S UPDATE:

- Selectman Poirier stated the Veteran's Celebration was well attended. This was a true community event. The next Veteran's Committee meeting will be November 28 @ 5pm at the Cook Library.
- Chairman Gray reported he was present on Election Day. There was a great turnout. Green Mountain Conservation Group is presenting a workshop on Drinking Water Protection on November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Selectman Farnum attended the Library Trustees meeting. Everything is running smoothly. The state of NH gave Cook Memorial Library accolades for the strategic plan. The library is financially well run.

- NON PUBLIC per RSA 91-a:3, II (b) & (e)

- Motion made by Chairman Gray at 9:09pm to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a), (b) & (e). Motion seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed by roll call vote. Gray Y, Poirier Y & Farnum Y.
- Motion made by Selectman Farnum to reopen the regular session at 9:13pm. The motion seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.

*Chairman Gray made a motion to seal the minutes of the previous non-public session #1 & #3, as it would adversely affect a reputation. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed by roll call vote. Gray Y, Poirier & Farnum Y.*

- ADJOURNMENT: At 9:14pm, 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

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Steve G. Gray

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Daniel J. Poirier

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Aaron Ricker

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William W. Farnum

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Rebecca Mason