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Selectmen's Meeting 6:00pm
Town Office

Thursday, February 21, 2019

MINUTES

Approved as written: March 7, 2019

Present: Chairman Gray, Selectmen Poirier, Ricker, Farnum & Mason, Road Agent Roberts, Asst Fire Chief Bowles, Police Chief Littlefield, EDC Chairman Farley, Friends of the Town House members Streeter and C Cook, Town Administrator McWhirter and several members of the public.

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

II. DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES:

▪ Highway

- Road Agent Roberts reported that he and the highway crew have been very busy with all snow storm related activities. They are still continuing with regular maintenance as well. He is happy to report he received updated figures from Dubois and King for the Bunker Hill Bridge replacement which came in at \$465,000. With the funds in the bridge capital reserve fund and what is being proposed for this year's budget, there should be enough money to get the bridge replaced this year. The engineering fees will come from the bridge repair/replacement line in the highway budget.

▪ Fire

- Asst Fire Chief Bowles reported that the Fire/Rescue Department has been busy with the stormy weather. They are averaging about 3 calls a day. Mr. Bowles explained that Chief Colcord works 40 to 50 hours per week and to help him out Mr. Bowles will attend the Selectmen's Meeting. The fire/rescue department has applied for a grant to purchase vehicle extrication tools. Fire Chief Colcord submitted statistics for January 2019.

▪ Police

- Police Chief Littlefield submitted the statistics for January 2019. NH Police Cadet Training Academy letter was presented to the board. Sergeant Sheehy will be participating. Sgt Sheehy has also taken a leadership role in the LEAD program at the K A Brett School.

▪ EDC

- Chairman Farley reported that Tamworth Village Association presented at the Planning Board meeting. The next Forum is scheduled for March 28th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The discussion will be regional health and aging in Tamworth. She thanked the board for participating in the discussion in Albany regarding broadband.

- Friends of the Town House
 - Friends of the Town House member Streeter reported that the Farmer's Market will rent the Town House through the fall this year. The Barnstormer's will be submitting paperwork to use the facility as well. Selectman Farnum spoke with Good Neighbor Fence regarding the shoveling issues.
- Administration
 - Town Administrator McWhirter reported that HEB Engineers have suggested a total of \$15,000 should be budgeted for the PFAS testing required over the next 3-13 months. This will be done at town meeting. The board briefly discussed Bearcamp Pond and Tamworth donating \$500 per year to maintain. Selectman Mason asked to see any Tamworth minutes regarding this issue. The Selectmen agreed to prorate FSA contributions for new employees. The board is looking for members to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

III. SIGNATURE:

- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve sign the Selectmen's minutes January 24, 2019 and January 31, 2019. 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 (3) of February 7, 2019. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the following accounts payable manifests for 2018 expenses dated February 14, 2019 in the amounts of \$624.86, \$1,332.00 and \$1,432.10. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign an accounts payable manifest dated February 28, 2019 in the amount of \$289,872.03. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the payroll manifest dated February 28, 2019 in the amount of \$35,124.98. The motion was seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Gray made a motion to approve and sign the NH DRA MS-636 as amended. 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.
 - Letter to waiver Yield Tax on Map 204-002
 - Intent to Cut on Map 404-084 off Route 16
 - Tax Map Maintenance proposal 4/1/2019 – 3/31/2020
 - Application for Business website link
 - Fireworks Permit for Map 210-012-001
 - HEB Engineers 2019 Landfill Monitoring services contract

IV. SELECTMEN'S UPDATE:

- Selectman Mason discussed her conversation with NH DES as to whether the Sewer system will be a municipal system or remain an individual public system under the control of DES Subsurface Bureau. The town is still waiting for official confirmation. She also mentioned new guidelines for HEP-A and will forward information to departments.
- Selectman Farnum attended the volunteer recycling committee who are working hard and want to get something done.

- Chairman Gray attended the Tamworth Village Association meeting. He attended the Conservation Commission and Planning Board meetings.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Casslyn Cook asked to hold an informal candidates night at the town house and was granted permission.
- Kent Hemmingway, Interim Superintendent at the K A Brett School asked the board to explain their vote not to recommend the recreation budget, why not just reduce the bottom line and put forth a budget that was recommended. Some members of the board feel there is still room for reductions in some budgets. Mr. Hemmingway stated that there is a wonderful mix of participation between the school and the recreation department.

VI. NON PUBLIC PER RSA 91:A-II (a) & (c)

- Motion made by Chairman Gray at 7:30pm to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) & (c). Motion seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed by roll call vote. Gray Y, Poirier Y, Ricker Y, Farnum Y, Mason Y.
- Motion made by Chairman Gray to reopen the regular session at 8:09pm. The motion seconded by Selectman Poirier and passed unanimously.

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

- VII. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:10pm, Selectmen 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