

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – January 9, 2017

Present: Richard Bielefield, John Strasser, Margo Connors
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Chief Wentworth, Road Agent Glover, Library Trustees
Irene Amsbary and Jason Tors, Librarian Judy Weisenberger

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Town Offices and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed on Monday January 16, 2017.

The Select Boards from Easton, Franconia and Sugar Hill will meet in Sugar Hill on Monday, January 23rd at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

The board will have Jennifer contact NHMA Legal for guidance on the tax deeded property to work with Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank to return the property to the owner.

The board will issue certificates of occupancy to Milton Weiler and Rufus Perkins.

CHIEF WENTWORTH met with the board to discuss the recent renovations to the Police Department. The storage room is complete and the department would like to have a new keyless entry system for their portion of the building. This will help with the automatic door release in case of a fire to meet with safety standards. The changes made so far will help the department to be in compliance with NH Police Standards. Officer DeMoranville has resigned as he does not have time to work. Chief Wentworth has been very pleased with Officer Emerson who has been able to step in and do a good job for the department when needed. Chief Wentworth submitted his budget.

MARGO CONNORS is scheduled to testify before the SEC on January 24th.

ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER met with the board to discuss the replacement of a truck and has gotten quotes from both Wells River Chevrolet and Littleton Chevrolet. The current truck is nine years old. Doug is hoping that both chassis, stainless steel body and plow will be around \$50,000. Those funds will come from his Highway CRF. MARGO asked Doug to contact Kim Cowles/Lafayette Recreation in regard to the plowing of an oval for skating on Coffin Pond. Doug submitted his highway budget and discussed with the board the installation of the used wood boiler that he purchased in 2016. Doug would like to put up a small building on a slab for the boiler. In the future he would like to see an additional bay added to the highway garage so that all equipment could fit.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES JASON TORS and IRENE AMSBARY and LIBRARIAN JUDY WEISENBERGER met with the board to submit the 2017 budget for the Richardson Memorial Library. The trustees discussed the submitted budget and also an amended budget. The trustees

want to see the library consistent with other area libraries in paying the librarian a more professional salary. The library needs to replace one laptop this year. The trustees went through the line items of the budget with the board. Judy noted that some funding has come from the library's other accounts to buy media. Currently the library is behind the curve on E-readers, audio and large print. Jason said that he will handle some of the technology needs for the library. It was noted that the library by law is its own business. The Town can just give the total amount voted in two checks to the library and they will do their own bookkeeping etc. This would be an additional expense to the library and the town currently does their bill paying and payroll. The board asked about the number of patrons and Judy noted that there are 403 patrons with approximately 300 active patrons. The board asked the trustees if they would be willing to cover some of the budget increase with the interest from the trust funds. Ms. Amsbary asked if other departments were asked to do the same and it was noted that the Cemetery Trustees do use their funds for projects. The board will let the trustees know the bottom line budget increase and they will make a decision on their additional funding.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of January 2, 2016 meeting, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business and no appointments before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MS. CONNORS the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday January 23, 2017 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:00pm. For a joint meeting with Franconia and Easton.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
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