

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING – December 27, 2018

Present: Richard Bielefield, Margo Connors  
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Police Chief Robert Mancini, Fire Chief Allan Clark, Road Agent Doug Glover

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board will not be meeting December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Town Offices will be closed on December 31, 2018 and January 1, 2019.

The board will meet in Sugar Hill with the Franconia and Easton Boards on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. to discuss the Lafayette Recreation and Tri Town Transfer Budgets for 2019.

The following department heads met with the Select Board for preliminary budget submission:

Police Department: Chief Mancini discussed the current Prosecutor agreement and the need for additional funds for that position. It is currently paid to the Town of Littleton who provides the prosecutor. The Chief discussed the costs involved with Officer Chicoine going to basic training for three months. Chief Mancini also discussed the CRF and the process going forward when it is time to replace vehicles. Many communities are doing lease programs for their police vehicles.

Highway Department: Road Agent Doug Glover discussed the work to be completed with the FEMA funds by outside contractors. This process can begin and is for Grandview and Lafayette Roads. Mr. Glover is currently trying to work with neighboring towns to get a better price for hot top/asphalt. Some towns are receptive and some are not. Doug will continue to pursue the possibility.

Fire Department: Chief Clark met with the board and discussed Emergency Management Costs and also Fire Department Budgets. The Emergency Management line will be bumped to 7,000 with \$6,000 being reimbursed from a grant. There was discussion of a \$2500 stipend for the Emergency Management Director. The board would like to be able to reimburse Chief Clark for some of his costs involved in the EM grants filed with FEMA. Chief Clark anticipates his 2018 budget to be under and no increase for 2019. Chief Clark did note that while the hourly FD stipend was increased this year the Officers with the exception of his position have not changed in 10 years.

CHIEF CLARK discussed the Meetinghouse renovations and inquired if there would be any insulation being done. Mr. Bielefield will meet with Chief Clark to view the project once the pegboard is removed. Chief Clark also noted that the board should address the dampness in the basement and also the structural integrity of the floor.

The board accepted with regret the resignation of Susan Stith from the Cemetery Board of Trustees.

The board has asked John Trumbull to provide a list of assessing companies and a RFW for the 2019 Revaluation.

Jennifer has the signed settlement agreement for the 2016-18 Tax Abatement for the Kevin Johnson 2008 Revocable Trust.

With no more business before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MS. CONNORS the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday January 7, 2019, at the Carolina Crapo Building at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette  
Administrative Assistant