

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – December 14, 2020

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

Guests: Kim Cowles

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The representative from the Department of Labor did a safety inspection on December 9th. A full report will be coming and the town will have 90 days to make the changes. One item discussed is that a member of the Select Board can't be on the Joint Loss Committee because it is an elected position. This was not known as Mr. Bielefield has been on the committee since it's start. Also, the Joint Loss program must be reviewed and updated every two years.

HP Fairfield will only hold the side arm mower for 60 days, so Lisbon is contacting their legal about a multi town agreement.

Jennifer discussed with the board the application for demolition and the plans for rebuilding for Kevin Lally on Map 203, Lot 18 Streeter Pond Drive. Last week there was concern in regard to the size of the building on the shoreland permit. When speaking with Tom Smith it was learned that they use the roof measurement for wetland/shoreland permits. The Lally's filed for a Zoning Permit which was denied as a variance is required for the garage added with the storage shed area.

Kim Cowles presented the current recreation and transfer station budgets and draft projections for 2021. Figures for recreation are all off due to not being able to have many of the usual programs. They were able to complete a very successful summer recreation program with thanks to Tamarack Tennis Camp and Copper Cannon Camp for the use of their facilities. The Recreation Van will need to be replaced and there are some funds in the Capital Reserve Fund. It will not be rented out in the current condition. Franconia will be having a warrant article to replace the warming hut and add a welcome center. Paving at the rink would be done at the same time with money from the rink fund. Kim was successful in getting CARES funding to cover some of the losses. Six canoes were donated to the recreation program and a trailer was purchased. The Transfer Station budget was also discussed. Kim is adding a line for building improvement costs which has not been done previously. They are finally fully staffed. Kim felt the employees deserve recognition for all that they have dealt with during the COVID regulations. Kim will send confirmed budgets after the first of the year.

Budgets are being turned in. Jennifer reported that Chief Clark advised there will be no increase for the ambulance budget for 2021. North Country Council will reduce dues for 2021 by 5%.

Zachary Chicoine asked if the board would approve a buyout for health and dental insurance as he can be covered by TriCare. The buyout is \$4,560.00 and will save the town a large sum. The board was unanimous in the decision to do the buyout.

Mr. Snyder has signed up for the Annual Moderator's workshop in February. The board will ask Mr. Snyder come in to meet with them in regard to Town Meeting 2021 so that we can have a plan in place.

Margo met with Tim Dansereau from Graton Associates in regard to the Crane Hill Bridge. She was able to have him connect with Town Engineer Red McCarthy about the project. They would be interested in the rehabilitation of the existing bridge.

The board approved a Veterans Credit as submitted.

The board signed the annual MS-60W Audit Waiver Request.

Margo and Carl Martland will meet with Revision Solar at the highway garage on Thursday.

The board approved a solar permit with conditions for Susan Dahill on Sunset Hill Road. Map 219, Lot 31

The board approved a building permit for Cliff Hughes, Ski Hearth Farm, for a tractor barn pending conditions from Chief Clark. Map 207, Lot 9

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 7, 2020 seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. STRASSER, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday December 21th, at 5:00pm at the Carolina Crapo Building. Social distancing and face masks required

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gaudette
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