

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – December 28, 2017

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

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

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Select Board will not meet and the Town Offices will be closed on January 1st. The Select Board will host Easton and Franconia Select Boards on January 8th at 4:00 pm to discuss the Tri Town Transfer Station and the Lafayette Recreation 2018 Budgets.

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed from the 16th of January to the 6th of February. The Franconia Town Clerk Carol Wills will do Sugar Hill registrations.

The board will meet on January 8th at 3:15 with Betsey McNaughton from NH Fish & Game to finalize the lease agreement for Coffin Pond as approved by Governor and Council.

The board discussed taxpayer requests that were made in regard to prepayment of taxes. The Town of Sugar Hill has not adopted the prepayment RSA. The board will look into adopting this in the future but since the tax collector does not have any additional hours in 2017 they will wait.

Reminder that there is a tailgate retirement party for Greg Wells at the Transfer Station on Saturday the 30th from 12-3pm.

ROAD AGENT DOUGLAS GLOVER presented his preliminary budget to the board. The board discussed the possibility of increasing the road work fund by \$25,000. Still waiting to see what funds are received from FEMA. Administrative account 4311 is up \$9,649 and the operations account 4312 is up \$5,000.

FIRE CHIEF ALLAN CLARK presented his preliminary budget to the board. Increase is 7% primarily due to wages. CRF Articles include \$40,000 for apparatus reserve and \$10,00 for building reserve. Chief Clark also notified the board that he will be sitting on the committee regarding the ambulance service. Those figures will not be known until later. The Chief and the board acknowledged Russ Gaitskill's resignation from the Fire Department and wish him the best.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT MANCINI presented his preliminary budget to the board. One of the increases in the 2018 budget is that having a full time Chief we will again be paying in to NH Retirement System. This was not done the past three years as Chief Wentworth had gone to part time. Additional funds were put in training, uniforms, data storage for body cameras, fuel and dispatch. The board discussed with the Chief additional monies for the Capital Reserve fund.

MS. CONNORS made a motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2017 meeting seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday January 8, 2018, 2017 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
Administrative Assistant