

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 23, 2013

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Susan Hansel, Maury Collins, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others Attending: Sullivan Selectmen, Mark Paquette, Gary Patnode, Laura Merrifield, Bud French, Richard Pratt, Carol Raynor, Jason Walter, Donna Kidd, Dean Huber, Bert Wingerson, Priscilla Walter, Eric Sandberg, Valerie Van Meier, Simone Lagace, Maurice Lagace, John Cucchi, Alex Lange

The meeting was opened by Chair David Upton at 6:00 PM.

The Sullivan Selectmen came before the Board to discuss the possibility of sharing police services.

Sullivan is currently without Police Officers and is relying on a few hours per week from the Sheriff's department.

David Upton noted that the Board would be open to further discussion but any proposed options must not be a burden to Nelson Taxpayers or result in any loss of services to Nelson.

The Sullivan Selectmen agreed to consider several options and to develop a proposal to present to the Nelson Select Board.

Next, Bud French came before the Board to announce that funding for a new rescue vehicle is now in place. All funds have come from a single donor and this gift is given in memory of his wife.

Bud reviewed the many details of this new vehicle and its various emergency uses.

Bud also reported that the used Keene Fire Truck which is being purchased is still on hold because the new Keene Fire Truck has not arrived. Bud and a team of Nelson Fire and rescue personnel are designing the equipment layout and planning the purchases needed to prepare the used truck for service in Nelson.

Bud reviewed the items necessary for each firefighter to be properly equipped with "Turnout Gear" including protective hood, pants, coat, gloves, boots, face shield, flashlight, etc.

Bud agreed to research the possibility of borrowing enough gear to get through the Firefighter I course so that the purchase of new gear could be presented at a regular Town meeting.

If this can't be determined in the next few days then plans will move forward for a public hearing and Special Town Meeting to vote to make the Selectmen agents of the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Account.

Bud reported that the Fire Truck currently known as M1 has reached the end of its usefulness to the Department and should be offered for sale.

Maury made a motion that the M1 Fire Truck be listed for sale.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

David reported that the JLMC will be beginning building inspections on Tuesday October 29, 2013.

The next topic was the Lighting and Parking behind the library.

Several people came forward to voice complaints regarding using the rear of the library for parking and voiced concerns about lighting the area.

Optional suggestions included the use of cones in the common, parking along nearby roads, posting a parking diagram for the center of town, a Town parking ordinance, ticketing and/or towing all illegally parked cars, prohibit parking behind the library.

None of the options compelled the Board to rescind their previous vote to permit overflow parking behind the library and to light the area for safety. The lighting project will move forward with the use of a "Dark Sky lighting" fixture for the side of the library and carefully directed spot lighting for the parking area.

There was a request that the lighting project be called temporary.

Maury made a motion that this be called temporary lighting with periodic future review.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

A draft copy of the architect's contract was presented to the Board for review. David asked that Susan and Maury thoroughly read the contract and Paul Hemmerich will be told to go ahead and print a presentation copy for a Board vote.

David then made a motion to accept the TBC recommendation to hire a construction manager for the Town Hall and site work only and that a RFP be developed for same.

David furthered the motion to state that the Library project be completed by Design Bid.

Maury seconded the motion the entire motion.

The full motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

David made a motion to approve going forward with the Special Town Meeting if it is determined that there would not be enough borrowed gear for the ten firefighters to be ready to take the Firefighter I course in January.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Preliminary discussion began regarding photography and dedication for this year's Town Report.

Due to a possible energy rebate for the new furnaces at the Town Barn, Plumbob researched the cost for increasing the efficiency rating from 81% to 85% for both units. The total additional cost would be \$450.00. This could be made up by the rebates.

David made a motion to approve the 85% efficiency furnaces.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

David made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Susan made a motion to approve the manifest as presented for October 23, 2013.

David seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

David made a motion to reappoint the Road Study Committee (Karen and Barry Tolman, and Richard Pratt) for one more year.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

With nothing further, Maury made a motion to adjourn.
David seconded the motion.
The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 PM

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel