

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

November 13, 2013

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

Others Attending: Mike Tarr

The meeting was opened by Chair David Upton at 2:00 PM.

This meeting began with paperwork review.

Susan reported that the manifest was complete and moved approval as presented.

David seconded the motion.

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

David made a motion to approve thank you letters to the Hampton and Sandown Fire departments for their donations of used equipment and temporary storage.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

David made a motion to allow CAI to release all Nelson Mapping information.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

David made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013 Selectmen's meeting.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

Maury made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2013 Public Hearing.

Susan seconded the motion.

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

David made a motion to approve permission for all department heads to make purchases through the State of New Hampshire Surplus Equipment Program.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

Mike Tarr came before the Board to review his projected Budget for 2014 and to report on the Highway Equipment Committee meeting. Mike explained that the committee is not in favor of any equipment purchase for the coming year but this will mean substantial maintenance costs need to be added to the budget.

At this point, Edie had to leave the meeting and David took over the task of recording the remaining minutes.

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The Board discussed Jeff Trexler's recommendations for prophylactic actions to assure the stability of the Town Hall until planned renovations can be completed. These recommendations are as follows:

1. Could install temporary shoring under floor framing just inside the West door.
2. Limit snow depth on roof to no more than 18 inches during periods when the building is occupied.
3. May wish to consider installing one or more temporary diagonal struts from the top of the South wall to the ground.

Susan felt that item 1 was unnecessary and suggested that the Construction Manager be consulted once he is on board in late November. For item 2, the Board agreed that our Town Sexton should be consulted to be sure that he has the necessary equipment to do this work. Maury asked that Dave contact a local builder to see if the posts needed to hold the diagonal struts, described in item 3, can be installed before the ground freezes. Maury and Dave agreed that driving the stakes that could be used to anchor the struts should be done before freeze up. The Board will discuss whether or not to install the struts at a later date.

Gordon Peery met with the Board to present his concerns for some of the language used in our recently revised (10/16/13) Nelson Town Hall Rental Contract. Gordon took issue with the language used in items 9, 11, 13 and 14. For item 9, Gordon suggested that the concept of urgent or extreme should be added to describe the conditions under which forfeiture of a reservation might occur. For item 11, he suggested rewriting this clause to state that the piano is the

property of the Monadnock Folklore Society and that any use must be approved by them. For item 13, Gordon questioned why police must be in attendance when alcoholic beverages are served. For item 14, Gordon questioned the reason for setting the number of attendees that create the need for a Police Detail was set at 75. He suggested that a better process, in cases where attendance is not known in advance, would be for a police office to visit each function in order to determine the number of people in attendance and to then determine if he/she should remain to manage the parking and do crowd control.

Dave recessed the meeting at 4:15 pm. The Board meeting reconvened at the Granite Lake Boat Ramp at 4:25 pm. Mike Tarr met with the Board to investigate a complaint that the crushed stone used by the Town to smooth the surface of the boat launch area had migrated onto the abutters beach. After review, the Board concluded that the vast majority of stones on the abutter's beach were naturally occurring native gravel. This gravel contains small round stones as opposed to the much larger roughly faceted pieces of crushed stone used by the Town. Dave recessed the meeting at the Granite Lake Boat Ramp at 4:45 pm. The Board reconvened its meeting at the Town Office at 4:55 pm.

The Board discussed the additional fee quoted by Jeff Trexler to pay for his services to review the condition of the roof of the Town Hall and to make recommendations for any necessary repairs. Susan moved that the Board accept Jeff's quote and to modify Paul Hemmerich's fee to include the additional money for Jeff's work plus Paul's rate of 15% for administration of services. Motion was seconded by Maury and approved by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed a spreadsheet that records the availability and approved use of firefighter turn-out gear. Susan agreed to present this spreadsheet to Bud and to ask him to complete it and to bring it to the next Select Board meeting on 11/20.

Next the Board listed the following items for our agenda for 11/20/13:

1. Review Fire Department budget with Bud French.
2. Discuss preparations for Special Town Meeting.
3. Review Town Hall Rental Agreement

With no other business before the Board, Maury moved that we adjourn. The motion was seconded by Susan and approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

November 13, 2013

David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel