

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 05, 2012

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

Others Attending: Mike Tarr

The meeting was opened at 2:10 PM by Chair David Upton.

There was discussion of the road painting cost.

There was concern by the Board that they were not fully informed of all the details of this project. While the cost was verbally presented by Chief Pratt it was never confirmed in any accounting detail. It has been reported to the Board that a donor will be covering a large portion of the project. The Board is not comfortable using Tax funds for this project that was not considered in the budget and that the Selectmen had little information about.

Approximately \$750.00 in additional funds was needed to cover the cost.

To date another \$200.00 in private donations has come in.

Although the Board voted to pay not more than \$750.00 in Town funds, David said he will continue to seek the remaining funds through private donations.

David reported that the Court case concerning a taxation issue brought by Terry Mednick has been presented to the Judge who has taken it under advisement before making a ruling.

David has been attempting to reach Jeff King at the NH Fish and Game Dept. regarding ownership of the Granite Lake Boat Ramp.

There was a lengthy discussion of the possible ownership and responsibility for the care of the Boat Ramp.

The Granite Lake Association is expected to be in attendance at the meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning along with Mike Halliday of the Halliday Pipeline Co at the Boat Ramp in Munsonville.

Edie reported that Tim Ruehr has been in touch with LGC regarding the SAU 29 approval for the Town of Nelson to join their Health Insurance Risk Pool. He informed them that although SAU 29 has voted the Nelson School Board also needs to approve it by vote.

Lea McLaughlin has started all the necessary paperwork based on Tim's approval.

Edie reported that the HVAC system in the archives has been checked and is working. The circuit breaker was off to the unit.

David reported that Dave Crane from PSNH will attend the next Selectmen's meeting. He will review the regulations and the property owner's rights. He will also check the forms now in use by the Town to obtain permission from the land owner before cutting.

Eric Sandberg will also be asked to attend the meeting.

There is still a question of cutting trees on a scenic road.

David indicated that he will be writing his "One Selectman's Report" this week. He will include the Tree cutting, PSNH meeting, Granite Lake Boat Ramp, and the Road painting on the Nelson Road.

There was discussion of the Town Report photo scheduling. All department heads will be contacted to set up a time with Edith Notman to take their photos. There was also a brief discussion regarding the layout for the photos and reports.

It was decided that the Fire Department and New First Responders will be on the Cover. The back cover will be of the Ribbon cutting for the Town office renovation.

Susan said she would like to have the Town Map back in the Town Report. Edie reported that Cartographics indicated that there was missing information on the map and Rick Church and Dave Birchenough are helping to fill in the missing information.

Budgets are now close to the finished format with just a few missing items to review before the Department heads give their final approval.

There was discussion regarding the two office volunteer positions becoming paid positions. The current use project to bring the Town into compliance is a very large task that must be brought completely up to date. \$15.00 per hour and ten hours per week per person is being considered for the 2013 budget. For this year these two volunteers will be presented with a dining gift certificate to thank them for all the work already started on this project.

There was a review of the development of the Warrant articles for the Town Warrant. Lisa Sieverts will be asked if she will be developing the articles for the Town Hall and Library Basement projects.

Susan reported that she and Bert Wingerson will be applying for grants for the Library Basement. The application will be due in early January 2013.

Edie suggested that the preliminary public meeting to discuss the budget and Warrant may need to be moved ahead a week due to the amount of work needed to pull everything together.

There was a brief discussion of a Warrant article suggested by the DRA to ask the Town to approve an emergency capital reserve fund. The Selectmen would be the agents and the funds would be available for emergency situations not foreseen or budgeted. This would include things such as a furnace that fails etc.

Discussion focused on reducing the amounts placed in capital reserve to maintain a level of expenditures that will not greatly exceed this year's total budget.

It was decided that the December 19th meeting of the Selectmen will be a work session focused on Warrant Articles and final budget format.

Another article briefly discussed was for the Agricultural Commission to ask the Town to authorize the establishment of an expendable trust account and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to open the fund.

Thought will be given to ideas for a dedication in the Town Report.

David reported that Trevor MacLachlan of Keene commercial Interiors will do an estimate for the Town Hall and Library basement projects. David suggested that using a General Contractor to oversee the project rather than an architect may be a way to save money on the projects.

All paperwork was then presented for review and signing.

There was a brief discussion concerning a property owner in danger of losing their land to tax deed. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector is working with the owner to arrive at a resolution. The Select Board will be kept informed if legal action becomes necessary in this matter. Maury agreed to talk to the land owner to try to better understand how to rectify this problem.

There was a very brief discussion regarding an inquiry to purchase the Ingalls property. A release from the previous owner or their heirs could allow this to take place prior to the usual three year wait time.

Susan made a motion to approve the manifest as presented.
Maury seconded the motion.
The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

David made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 28, 2012 Selectmen's meeting.
Maury 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 at 4:43 PM.

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel