

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 11, 2013

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

Others Attending: Bud French, Maurice Lagace, Simone Lagace, Carol Raynor, Jason Walter, Elaine Giacomo, Richard Pratt

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

David opened the meeting with a review of the scheduling for monthly meetings with all department heads. These meetings will give the department leaders an opportunity to go over the previous month's activity, review goals for the coming month, and express any concerns or needs of the departments.

Police Chief, Richie Pratt came before the Board first. He requested the first 6:00 PM meeting of each month for his department review. Richie reported that the Police budget is on track for this point in the year. He reported that there have been several emergency assistance calls in the last month.

Topics discussed included the newly voted speed limit on Tolman Pond Road and on Nubanusit Road, signage, and a possible warrant article to consider the purchase an electronic speed indicator sign.

Chief Pratt reported that the limited availability of other officers due to their full time commitments makes it challenging to schedule a lot of additional patrol time. Rob O'Connor is back for his weekly school detail at the Nelson Elementary School.

Next, Bud French came before the Board. He also requested his monthly meetings at the evening meeting of the Select Board.

Susan gave a brief review of her visit with the Fire Department members.

Bud reported that to date all members have refused to accept either of the two job descriptions voted by the (Deputy Fire Chief of Operations and Deputy Fire Chief of Administration.)

Bud submitted a letter for inclusion with these minutes.

After a brief discussion and the Board offering to change the titles for the positions to match the internal chain of command of the department there was still no resolve.

Carol Raynor, department secretary, stated that she would quit rather than accept the job descriptions as presented by the Board.

Bud and Carol also stated that the department members have voted not to be compensated for calls and would rather use the money for training or other department needs.

David reported that some department members have expressed to him that they would appreciate being compensated to at least help cover their gas cost.

After further discussion, Maury made a motion that the Fire Department take a written vote to decide if they want to be paid.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 2-1.

It was further noted that any member wishing to receive call compensation should be allowed to do so regardless of a vote.

Bud reported that the used truck from Keene should arrive in 2-3 weeks. All Keene signage must be removed and replaced with Nelson identification signage. The truck will also need hoses, and perhaps ladders.

Bud reviewed a list of items that the department needs.

The computer issues are being explored and how the relationship to the low capacity generator, which serves the building, may be part of the problem.

There was a brief discussion and clarification of what types of Permit notices Bud would like to go to the Conservation Commission. (Intent to cut, DES involved permits etc.)

David and Susan reported that the LCHIP grant application was submitted in the category of rehabilitation instead of preservation due to the specific requirements of each type of work. The Town Buildings committee will meet again on September 23, 2013.

There was a brief discussion regarding a building repair on the Claude Hutchins Sr. property. It appears from reports that the scope of repair exceeded what was presented by Gary Hutchins. Gary will be contacted to present details of the extended work and will be informed of the need for a building permit.

David reported on his meeting with John Cucchi to view the Old Mill site. Some items were uncovered that may be of historic value. Susan will check with Bert Wingerson to see what information can be gathered.

Edie reported that several meetings are being held daily with property owners regarding acreage changes on the tax maps. Most meetings have resulted in agreement with the changes.

For those who disagree, and have documentation, a challenge file will be created for presentation to the mapping company.

Susan reported that the manifest for September 11, 2013 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 the meeting minutes for September 4, 2013 as presented.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

Maury reported that the decayed wood has been cleared from the gazebo but he had no information from the land owner regarding any future plans for the area.

David made a motion to approve an application for Intent to cut on property owned by William Francis subject to the normal requirements including that all previous taxes are paid.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

There was a brief review of the Robinson request regarding possible expansion and easements for a septic system at their property on West Shore Road.

This is a non-conforming lot directly on the water, no room for a traditional septic system with leach field, restrictions exist on the previously granted pumping system approved by the State, no proof of Town ownership of a strip of nearby land where they would like to be granted a Town easement, and possible problems due to ledge in the area they are considering for the system.

The Robinsons were informed of the issues and no further action will be taken by the Board at this time.

A request from PSNH for the licensing of two new poles was reviewed.

David made a motion to approve the license request for PSNH.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

David made a motion to accept the Moose Plate Grant of \$10,000 to repair the windows on the Town Hall.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

Before closing, the Board reviewed a list of topics for David to address in his next "One Selectmen's Report"

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 8:43 PM

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel