

Selectmen's Meeting

Approved Minutes

November 21, 2016

**** Motions**

Call to Order: Selectmen Ron Price called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Those in attendance were: Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Treasurer Erna Keller, Clerk Cindy Abbott, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Marilyn Perry and Travis Price.

Public Works: Travis Price gave a full lengthy report regarding the Town Garage, parts needed to repair trucks with approximate costs, and length of time they will last and trucks are prepared to plow snow. There was a conversation between the Board, Travis and Jim Waterman regarding inspections of trucks, changing of oil, etc. which will save money for the town. This is something that can become effective next year and to be built into our town budget. There was a discussion about the fire extinguishers and inspection. Jim does the inspection does it monthly and Interstate Fire comes once a year and gives them a good workover. Their phone number is 1-800-649-9881. If the extinguisher is absolute, it has to be replaced.

Post Office:

Steve Bennett gave a report regarding the Post Office. A fan runs 24-7 all the time due to a bad switch. It is suggested that the fan be taken down and the wires capped, then put a cover on it, for it is an old fan and it does not serve any purpose. Getting a new switch for it would almost be impossible.

There are lights that are no working, flickering, blinking, etc. Steve found a whole box of different size lights in the back room. Travis will check the lights out. There is a tear in the ceiling in the furnace room and maybe some duct tape and a piece of cardboard will prevent the insulation from falling down. The bar for the new steel door was not shipped so we are waiting for it to come in, when it does, Gary will install it. In the meantime Travis can bring a bucket of sand to put there so the door does not keep swinging in and out. The floor is the only major thing that needs to be done and Gary does not feel like doing it because he does not have the help from the staff to help move things around. It's Gary's project, he bid on it and he should figure out how to get it done. The furnace was out again, Steve talked to Haskell about it for this is the fourth time they have been back. Steve will call him again tomorrow.

Review of Minutes:

**Ron entertained a motion to approve the minutes as written and to be placed on file, Steve so moved the motion and Brian second the motion, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

1. **Payroll Warrant this week is \$3,201.53**
2. **The A/P this week is \$7,448.83**
3. **We received a check from Revenue Sharing November for \$3,172.63**
4. **There wasn't any checkbook balance.**

**Brian made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant and the A/P warrant, Ron second the motion. All were in favor.

Fire Chief:

. Jim will be working with some new people over at the fire house and they can go online for a NIMS class. There will be a mass casualty workshop on December 7 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Waldo County EMA office. Free food will be served. Twenty Six Thanksgiving baskets were delivered on Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon to those in Freedom. The boxes are assembled around 6:00 a.m. at the armory which is through Helping Neighbor Program. Regarding next year's budget, we need to look at replacing a truck because there are too many things wrong with it. The generator is going to be hooked up tomorrow. It will only cover the Town Office. The Fire Department has their own generator, Ron explained why the two buildings cannot be on one line. The worse part of that is if we power up, we won't have any water because the fire house controls that. He will bring a 20 foot cord and it will be a manual start.

Citizen Issues and Concerns: NONE

Town Clerk:

Cindy received calls regarding the place next door to the Post Office and after conferring with Jackie, nothing legally can be done. A discussion regarding this situation was held. Ron will call Jackie tomorrow and Scott will be notified to check out the two dogs.

Farmers Trust:

Brian talked to Mike Gould at Farmer's Trust regarding a Farmer's Market, Gould stated there wasn't enough of money to do that.

Packer Body:

**Ron brought in information and pictures regarding trucks: #1 \$4,000.00 for an easy packer body only, 20 yard, excellent, used in the south. It's located in Conn. Brian made a motion to authorize Ron and Travis to travel to Conn, to view this thing and if it meets their satisfaction, we agree to pay the asking price of \$4,000.00 and mileage? Steve second the motion. All in favor. Cindy will talk to Tim Abbott about pick-up on Thursdays.

Town Clerk:

Cindy wants Steve to send her all the yearly reports in ATF form and anything else he sends to her.

Rec.Comm: Ron reported that the sign had been returned.

Roads: Ron reported that we have a road situation. He called MMA and spoke to the legal department and was told that there is an ordinance that exists saying we can hold anyone liable if they destroy a town maintained road. The selectmen can adopt that ordinance without a town vote. Those that cause damage will be held responsible for damages done. This time, no damage was reported by Ron.

Bryant mentioned that the warrant needs to be done by Dec. 5.

Cemetery:

Cindy saw Steve Holmes, chairman of the Cemetery Comm., talked to Cindy about some ideas and the budget comm. will be meeting next Monday.

Fire Chief:

Jim Waterman wants the old generator transfer switch (not being used for the new generator) to be saved because we will be able to use it at some point. If anyone needs information as to how to use their wood stove, Jim is willing to help them with the information.

Ex. Session:

Ron called for an executive session regarding 1 MSRA 405(6) F and entered into it at 7:50 p.m. -and came out at 8:15 p.m. a GA was awarded!

Steve Bennett:

Steve took a walk around with Matt Young of DEP around the peninsula of the land gave a report and showed photographs. He explained while they were looking at the map and brought everyone up to speed.

There should be a title search of both properties. Discovered a bog wash that leads to a little island. They spent time looking and discussing this property,

Community Service:

Tyler C. Hadyniak sent an e mail to the Board of Selectmen looking to give back to Freedom and do research regarding pro bono community service, The Selectmen were in agreement to allow this and Steve will contact Tyler by E Mail. They will have him do research on Automobile grave yard and junk yard.

Budget Comm: Steve handed out 2016 year to date spread sheets. To present to the budget comm. There will be a meeting with them next Monday. Steve put a lot of time into this report.

Public Works: The discussion will start with winter roads and then summer roads. The right of way is the issue. The entire driveway is In Knox, the entire driveway is owned by Alan Blueberry and we don't have a right of way from Alan Blueberry, we have a right of way from Skidgel.

**Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Ron second the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallyann Hadyniak, Secretary

