

## Town Notes

1/27/20

Present: Travis Price, Bob Kanzler, Erna Keller, Gwen Littlefield, Meredith Coffin, Jim Watermen, Joe Freeman, Marilyn Perry, Nate McCann, Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Brian Jones, Cindy Abbott, Alyssa Brugger, Laura Greeley, and Patty Duffy.

Selectmen Secretary Alyssa Brugger taking notes.

6:05pm meeting called to order.

Meredith discusses waste and recycling management, selectmen have her report for review, will discuss further next week.

Fire chief Jim Watermen contacted Fail Safe, they will be here May 27th or 28 for hose testing, possibly at Thorndike fire station. One accident in Knox to report, driver was fine.

Public Works presented by Travis, boundaries have been marked and pinned for Spaulding boundary.

Brian will finalize November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting notes.

Citizens issues: Laura Greeley wants to confirm that a resident running for Selectmen had received a letter saying they legally could not run. Selectmen declined to comment, letter was from town attorney.

Bob Kanzler has questions regarding truck body costing around \$32,000, town did not spend \$32,000. Confusion from whether it's on a lease or did town pay for it? How is it ok for town to make those decisions on an old truck without town vote, March 2019 town approved Selectmen to enter into leases. Public Works Director and Selectmen reviewed costs of new truck, versus repairing the truck town currently has. Truck has been mechanically sound for years, just needed truck body. This maintenance came out of truck maintenance line, four years remaining on lease. This is the main truck town uses. This amount was already in budget, it will not create a deficit.

Francis' Walker wants to discuss missing minutes. Contact information is swapped, next few weeks minutes will be updated.

Ron, how is website- Is it modern or is it hard to use? Updating website may cost money, current one we have had since 1997. Question about tax ID, has it been removed or not.

Steve Bennett discusses his meeting with KVCOG discussing Skidgel lot and future for a solar array. See attached sheet for more information. Any ideas are welcomed for lot.

Treasurers report presented by Erna Keller, please see attached sheet for further information.

Steve has a question regarding RHR audit, is it worth it? Would it be easier for future MMA audits? Ron questions if this is worth \$250? This company would be required to give a figure how much town is worth. Steve will call and discuss further next Monday.

Brian makes a motion to pay payroll and A/P warrant, Steve seconds motion. Unanimous.

Town Clerk presents Republican caucus coming to Belfast February 8th, Erna will attend to sign in any unenrolled voters.

Cindy received two letters regarding private information from town Attorney.

Outstanding tax information reports presented: prepaid taxes, overdue taxes for 2017/2018/2019, and lien breakdown.

Citizens at Town Meeting set the rate for interest rate.

Cindy has been letting people know about homestead tax information.

Dog licenses are due this Friday.

Town official reports: GA poverty abatement request, meeting has been moved to Wednesday 2/5/20 at 6pm at town office.

Brian shares a kind note from a residence for town assisting their neighbor with plumbing issues.

Rec. Committee, Winterfest scheduled for this Saturday. Town office will be a warming center, plus supply ice skates.

Budget committee, meeting coming up Wednesday 2/5/20 at 7pm at town office.

Old News: Montville plowing bill, Montville is discussing issues tonight at their meeting. Issue is Goosepecker Ridge, doesn't make sense for our town to plow. Possibly pay \$900 to compensate for Burnham Hill road. Further discussion once Montville responds.

Public Works garage roof replacement: \$13,200 to take off old roof, install new one.

Steve makes motion to accept written bid for new garage roof so work order can go in for this summer, Ron will request quote for painted garage roof, Brian seconds motion. Unanimous. Final approval will take place at Town Meeting.

Historical Society assigned election hall key used by unassigned people from Historical Society. Need second key back.

Cindy needs to know what to put on the cover of the annual town report, map of Freedom. Who is writing dedication for inside of the book- Steve Bennett in remembrance for Sallyanne. Spirit of America award written up by Brian Jones.

Brian preparing Selectman's Annual Report: recall petition, Mitchell road, subsequent special town meeting, Town Meeting to restrict vehicle weights, rejected plan to have treasurer reported, vote on town meeting venue, solid waste-specifically Unity, valuation issue, policy review, tax anticipation note, Sandy Pond water quality, emergency spillway maintenance/repair, excavator lease/truck body lease, tax acquired properties this year, update on Skidgell property, Beaver Ridge and their request for depreciation schedule and abatement.

Steve Bennett received email from owner of Freedom Maker Space, awaiting planning board paperwork.

Brian makes motion for executive session 1 MRSA 405(6)A, Steve seconded motion. Unanimous.

8:35pm – 9:14pm no decisions were made.

Ron makes motion to end meeting, Brian seconds. Unanimous.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm