

Town Notes

2/3/2020

Present: Alyssa Brugger, Steve Bennet, Ron Price, Brian Jones, Joe Freeman, Jim Waterman, Marilyn Perry, Laura Greeley, Meredith Coffin, Travis Price, Hillary Flemming, Gwen Littlefield, David Bridges.

Selectmen Secretary Alyssa Brugger taking notes.

Meeting called to order 6:08pm

Fire Chief Jim Waterman nothing to present, Jim now represents secretary and treasurer of Freedom Volunteer Firefighter Inc. He is not the president.

Public Works Director Travis Price needs new town ordinance for new weight limit posters. Couple people have asked what is needed to put in driveways, Travis directed them as to what they need for paperwork. There is a makeshift wood lot on Waning Road, no paperwork has been filed with town.

Standing offer on used truck bed for \$500. Steve makes motion to approve sale of used truck body and money to be placed into Public Works Capitol Reserve Account, Ron seconds motion. Unanimous.

Purchased year supply of lube, looked around for best price.

Garbage truck blew a hydraulic hose this past week, purchased new hose and extra hose for future, truck is fixed and back on road. Possibly an issue with power steering, hasn't had power steering replaced since town purchased truck.

Assistant Solid Waste Director Meredith Coffin is resigning as director, wants someone to take over, she will happily assist new director.

Meredith spoke with Montville regarding future ideas for waste and recycling. She believes being part of a recycling center is a good idea moving forward.

Should this issue be put on the warrant? With proper information so towns people understand the consequences of either action, the Solid Waste Director believes this issue should not be put on warrant. Brian makes a motion to not have Solid Waste issue on warrant, Steve seconds motion. Unanimous.

What happens to the letter of intent filed with the Unity Regional Recycling Center from the town of Freedom? Unsure, possibly refile if no decision is made this year.

Continue talk about FiberLight versus Unity Regional Recycling Center.

Solid Waste Budget for this year is \$46,000, last year was \$48,000. Took in \$17,000 in trash stickers, plus rebates, so budget was around \$30,000.

Treasurers Report presented by Erna, Payroll Warrant: \$7,406.41, A/P \$13,944.73, ending checkbook balance \$114,022.58, please see treasure's report for further detail.

Aflac is automatically taken from Town Clerks check.

Steve makes motion to approve and pay Payroll and A/P warrant, Ron seconds motion.

Unanimous.

Citizen issues and questions: Laura asks if Clint will be on ballot, Clint has officially withdrawn his paperwork. Laura questions what if people write in Clint's name more than Elaine's, what happens then? According to town's lawyer, Cindy is not legally allowed to swear him in. If this occurs there would need to be a discussion amongst lawyers. Laura feels if this had all happened sooner, perhaps someone else could of ran for Selectmen. If towns people have questions they can talk with Clint.

Town Clerk: Cindy needs a moderator for town meeting, Mike Thibodeau and Don Berry are options.

Cindy also double checking for the town mailing regarding election information for both state and local. Republic Caucus will be February 8'th at Belfast HS and the Democratic Caucus will be March 8'th here at town office- all this information will be included in town mailing.

Employee issue to be discussed in executive session.

Also add for Solid Waste Director and possibly a diagram for proper mailbox installation.

Erna will be the Deputy Registrar, signing in all registered voters and enrolling any unenrolled voters.

Budget Committee meeting Wednesday, February 5th at 6pm. This meeting should finalize items before town report.

Rec. Department made \$116.65 on Winterfest, sold extra food off for \$15.

Old Business: Steve received an update from TRC, should have report for cleanup plans at the end of this week. Still getting quotes from local businesses, and funding from state.

Brian is finalizing Selectmen's report, needs other selectmen to review.

Executive 405(6) Personnel Matter 7:32pm – 7:57pm.

RHR sent letter dealing with fixed assets, sent contract to Fixed Assets only, \$250 a year to do annually. There are multiple issues with report they have sent as an example. This is being stated as a necessity for future audits from company. For now, this will be put on hold.

Post office lease, still no answers, possibly an increase in our lease by 25-30%, still no physical copy of lease.

Ron makes motion to adjourn, Steve seconds motion. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm