

Selectmen Meeting Minutes – June 20th, 2018

PRESENT:

Selectmen Chair: Errol Peters

Selectmen: Michael Ransmeier, Jennifer Locke

In Attendance: Reggie and Claudia Lavoie, Richard and Heidi Sagar, Gayle Clement, Pat Webb, Andy Brackett

OPEN SESSION:

The selectmen began their normally scheduled meeting at 7:00 pm.

Noah Dest, Olivia O'dwyer – Noah and Olivia came in to discuss a property out by Gale Chandler they are considering purchasing. The property does not currently have a mode of access and has a creek running through. The Select Board stated that they would need an approved driveway prior to being able to get a building permit, and recommended that they talk with Ray Lobdell on soils and setback information for the property. The approved driveway is necessary for emergency services access.

Andy Brackett- Andy came in to pick up the check for Caterpillar for the new grader. DRA approved all of the expenditures and Reggie Lavoie came in to bring the check for the trust fund transfer. The grader should be delivered Friday. Errol requested a full service on the grader before the first use. Andy and Gayle discussed the process of getting it registered. There was only minor damage from the storm a few trees down that they needed to take care of and one tree down on the state road which the state took care of. Errol and Andy discussed a new business in Littleton that sells culverts. The Select Board requested additional detail on future hydraulic hose purchases and Andy will talk with the vendors to make sure that info gets added in the future.

Pat Webb- Pat brought in 3 bills for the fire department including the Grafton County Dispatch fees. The dispatch fees increased from about 1650 to 2100 dollars because the billing is based on usage. Pat also discussed the runoff pollution from the nearby log landing into Mardin's pond. The torrential downpour created significant silt runoff that was diverted into the pond. The Select Board has recommended that the homeowner contact the forest rangers to report the damage, and Errol will touch base with the homeowner to see if there is anything additional the Select Board could do to help facilitate.

Heidi Sagar- Heidi received a phone call from Primex the towns workmans comp insurance carrier to start the process of updating the insurance policies. The insurance company assigns a value to the fire department that is dependent on the number of active fire fighters. Michael prepared a letter for the Select Board to review requesting the names, addresses, DOB, and drivers license numbers of the active fire department members. The Select Board discussed the fact that the insurance carriers would expect the town to have on file drivers license information for any person involved in driving town equipment. The Board agreed to editing the letter to request names and a copy of the driver license to maintain on file in the select board office for the insurance carriers. Michael will edit the letter and Errol will drive it around for signing. Heidi requested that the town contact Joanne Smith a town specialist that the town has worked with before to see if she could help make sure everything gets done that needs to be for insurance policy updates as well as other municipal items that come up. Jamie Dow from the DRA also recommended her. Michael made a motion to authorize Heidi to contact her and see about a sit down and Jenn 2nd it, the motion passed.

Dale Locke- Dale came to provide an update on the School Board. The school is running roughly 97,000 under budget for the 2017-2018 school year. \$3500 was used for the LED lighting. The School Board is expecting to carry over the \$90,000 which is \$20,000 above what was projected at the school budget hearing in March, into the next year. Next years tuition is currently unknown, Dale will provide an update in October. Errol let Dale know that Alan Boulet has been mowing the wet areas of the ball field at no charge to the town. Blue School has a track team now and will be putting in a high jump. Dale attended the school funding hearing in Pittsfield, NH where there were quite a few towns in attendance. Those towns are debating taking the state to court for the 10th time over the lack of school funding, the towns have won before without receiving any actual funding from the state. Of the schools discussed the tax rate and town taxable property per student Landaff is about medium in the state. Dale will continue monitoring the situation and will do a letter to the ledger updating the town as it progresses.

Minutes- Reviewed minutes from 6/6 meeting passed with 1 change and accepted pending the completed edits. Jenn passed out the drafted minutes for the 6/13 meeting for review.

Job Applicants- Errol responded to the applicant from last week to let them know that we received it and we'd get back to them. Two additional applications received. The Ad in the Caledonian is running through 6/30. Once all applications are received the board will schedule a closed meeting to review personnel issues and meet with each of the applicants in one evening. Jenn requested that the board review a job description, and discuss qualifications and expectations for hiring at the next meeting.

Office supply ordering was discussed, Gayle will continue submitting the orders for items needed.

Background checks- Jenn requested to speak with the auditors responsible for requesting the town to perform them so that she could better understand the exact requirements. Plodzick and Sanderson is the company and she will contact them to speak with the auditor.

Doomage letters- Of the remaining uncompleted ones, Errol received confirmation that one was received but no official answer from the people involved, and Errol received a fail to deliver on the second one, he re-sent that letter and will make a phone call this weekend. If there is no resolution or response the next step for the board is to contact the forest rangers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48PM

With no further business to discuss, the Board of Selectmen's meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm. The foregoing minutes were approved on July 11, 2018 by the following members of the Board:

Errol S. Peters

Michael S. Ransmeier

Jennifer L. Locke