

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES October 24, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

ATTENDANCE: Selectman Rich Zacher, Selectman Brian Robischeau, Selectman Rick Surette, Laurie Champy, Ed Comeau, Diana Peckham, John and Susan Dansereau, John Nelson, Marilyn Bushman

• Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau made a motion to accept the October 10, 2017 meeting minutes as drafted. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

• **Public Comments:** The Ms. Bushman inquired about the process for having Tucker Road paved. They stated egress is difficult. Selectman Zacher suggested having the Road Agent quantify cost to aid in future discussion.

Diana Peckham stated her mailbox has been reinstalled after removal for work on Brice Drive. She mentioned this due to her sending/receiving town mail at that location.

Mr. Dansereau inquired about the progress of the survey of Brice Drive. Selectman Zacher stated there wasn't anything new to report. The job is in the surveyor's que.

- Treasurer: Marilou MacLean not present.
- **Tax Collector:** Diana Peckham asked about progress on setting the tax rate.

In anticipation of mailing the tax bills no later than November 15, Diana asked about the status for completion of the Newsletter as it is included in the mailing. It was reported that the Newsletter is expected to be completed by November 01.

• **Planning Board:** Ed Comeau reported the last meeting was 10/19 and consisted of 3 Members and 1 Alternate. The Board had a meeting minute request for 2008-2009 minutes; they have been distributed as requested. Due to the difficulty involved with locating these minutes the Board will be reviewing their entire process for minutes from approval to vault storage.

Ed Comeau reported they are trying to increase public participation for working on the Master Plan.

He stated notices have not been issued yet but Gravel Pit inspections are due soon. A member of the public asked what the purpose of the inspection was. Ed replied by citing several reasons including checking for clutter, to ensure that only the area per statute is being used, and verifying the location is not too close to the road.

- Conservation Commission: Selectman Zacher stated the Commission is in need of volunteers.
- Heritage Commission: Selectman Robischeau reported on Marilou MacLean's behalf and stated that on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30pm in the Townhouse, the Heritage Commission hosted a talk by Grace Ferguson and Craig Evans titled "Historic Houses on the Governor's Road in Brookfield". Refreshments were provided following the presentation.

Ed Comeau recorded the presentation and provided a copy to the Selectmen and stated there were more available if anyone is interested.

Selectman Robischeau reminded everyone of the Annual Veterans Day Potluck Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 11 at 5:30pm at the Townhouse.

- **Old Business:** Selectman Robischeau will follow up with the roof project on the Town Office Building that is due to begin the end of October.
- **New Business:** Selectman Zacher suggested beginning budget work in early November. Selectman Robischeau will speak with Ed Nason about scheduling road work projects. The Selectman discussed beginning the next BOS meeting early at 6pm to allow time for budget work prior to the regular meeting. They will verify the Road Agent's availability.

The Selectmen discussed the need to hold an additional meeting to set the tax rate. This meeting will take place this Thursday at 7:30am at the Town Office building.

Each bill to be paid was read indicating the payee and amount due.

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau made a motion to accept all bills as read on record. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Selectman Zacher reported that the generator failed again. The battery has been replaced.

Selectman Zacher stated the Selectmen were invited to join the new Assessor Clerk in attending a course on Current Use on November 28.

Selectman Zacher reported he and Selectman Surette will be attending a Municipal Conference on Wednesday, November 15.

Public Comments: Ed Comeau announced that Governmentoversite.com is now filming the Governor Wentworth Regional School District meetings as well as the NH Fish and Game Commission meetings. These meetings can be viewed on the above named website.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

The next regular scheduled Selectmen's meeting is November 14, at 6:00pm at the Town Office building. Please note the earlier start time to this meeting due to beginning the budget work sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Champy Administrative Assistant