

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting November 17, 2020

Members present: Scott Young, Chairman and Bryant Scott, Brian Monahan

Appointments: 6:00 – Judy Dupré, Tax Collector

The business portion of the Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

Payroll and bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Minutes from the October 20th Selectmen's Meeting were read and approved.

Appointments

6:00 Tax Collector Judith Dupré was in attendance to speak with the Selectmen about a tax deeded property that was sold back to the former owner, but for which the new deed has not been registered, making the Town still the legal owner. The Selectmen directed Ms. Dupré to notify the owner with a deadline for recording the deed. Once the deadline has passed, the Town will begin the eviction process and subsequent auction of the property.

Old Business

The Selectmen will continue to advertise for the Land Use Clerk position until the right candidate is found.

New Business

The Property Tax Warrant for the 2nd Issue Tax Bill was reviewed and signed. Property tax bills will be sent out this week with a due date of December 21, 2020. The tax rate for 2020 is \$25.65.

The Selectmen reviewed and acknowledged with signature the 2021 County Tax bill.

The Selectmen discussed a change in the employee disability insurance and voted to approve an increase in the maximum amount paid out for short term disability. Also discussed was the 3rd year option to renew the assessing contract with KRT, our current contract assessor. The Selectmen voted unanimously to approve that contract for 2021 and signed the necessary paperwork. In 2021, the Town will undergo a Statistical Revaluation as mandated by the State. KRT conducted the last Revaluation in 2016 and has conducted annual cyclical property visits since then. The Selectmen voted to request a proposal from KRT for the 2021 Statistical Revaluation.

Board members reviewed zoning amendment recommendations from the Town attorney and will pass them along to the Planning Board for consideration.

The Selectmen received and reviewed a letter of complaint about a property with vehicles and equipment in violation of the Town's recently adopted junkyard ordinance. In accordance with the process developed for addressing complaints of violations, the Selectmen will have the Building Inspector contact the property owner to set up an appointment for attending an upcoming Selectmen's meeting to plan for the cleanup of the property within the given 180 days.

The Town greatly benefitted from the assistance of many volunteers at the recent General Elections. The Selectmen signed a letter of thanks for each volunteer, acknowledging and thanking them for their service to our community.

The new Deputy Town Clerk, Stephanie Norton, will begin working on December 1st.

The Selectmen, at the request of the Historical Society will hold, into 2021, the funds designated for the Bicentennial as the celebration was not held and is rescheduled for 2021.

There being no further business to address, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM.