

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting January 14, 2020

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott, and Scott Young  
In Attendance: JoAnn Brown, Liz Evans, Sergeant Randy Young, and Officer Forrest Stickney

Appointments: 6:15 – Historical Society Representatives

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 5:32PM.

Bills and payroll were reviewed and signed. Minutes of the December 17, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting were reviewed and signed. No meeting was held on December 31, 2019. An Intent to Cut Timber and a Notice of Pay rate were signed.

There was no attendance at the Citizens' Forum which was open for public discussion at 6:00.

### **Appointments**

6:15 – JoAnn Brown and Liz Evans representing the Bicentennial Committee and the Historical Society were in attendance to give an update the planning of the Town's Bicentennial celebration in August of 2020. The committee had most recently met on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of January, and the meeting was well attended and attendees enthusiastic. The committee has a revised estimate on the cost of insurance which is approximately \$2900, rather than the \$1000 previously estimated; and so, they presented an updated budget. They will be publishing a brochure of scheduled events and a booklet for the week; sponsorships will be available for local businesses who wish to support the event. They are hopeful that opening ceremonies may be held at Austin Cate/NHANG. The Governor is expected to be in attendance. The Parade will be in Center Strafford along Parker Mountain Road. Details such as timing, permitting and the rerouting/delaying traffic for the event will be worked out. Plans continue for a barbeque at the Kitz Farm (limited tickets will be for sale) accompanied by games for children, rather than a previously planned barn dance. Selectmen Sweet will be assisting them with a time capsule video. The next meeting will be January 26<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall Conference room.

JoAnn mentioned that a long time resident, Gladys Heald, will be turning 100 years old on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. The Selectmen's Office will acknowledge the milestone event.

### **Continuing Business**

The Selectmen reviewed the status of an application currently before the Zoning Board of Appeals, wondering when it would be resolved. They will speak with the town attorney to understand if they may have any role in the resolution.

The Selectmen reviewed correspondence from a resident on Second Crown Point Road inquiring as to the status of the cleanup deadline at 825 Second Crown Point Road. As the

cleanup deadline had passed without the cleanup being complete, the Selectmen, by unanimous decision voted to pursue legal action. The Town attorney will be contacted.

The Selectmen also briefly discussed a second legal issue that is pending and being handled by the Town attorney.

### **New Business**

The Selectmen reviewed the incident report submitted by Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and YTD. It will be posted in the entrance way of the Town Hall.

The Selectmen reviewed and determined timber rates for the 2019-20 timber year which is March 31, 2019 to April 1, 2020.

The Board reviewed and approved the notices of 2020 Town Office closings and a notice with Town and School District Meeting dates.

The Selectmen reviewed the proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinances. The Selectmen feel strongly that associated fines should be included or at least wording that would allow the Board to establish fines at a later time. The Code Enforcement/Building Inspector would be responsible for enforcement.

Ted White, who teaches the swimming lessons at the lake in the summer is available for one 2 week session and only 1 week of the second session. The Selectmen's Office will adjust the summer swim lesson schedule accordingly.

Tax Collector, Judy Dupre' has expressed concerns about a property the Town is about to take. Notices have been sent out, but she believes the property's owner may be unaware of the situation because notices are not being picked up.

Sergeant Randy Young and Officer Forrest "Chip" Stickney stopped in briefly so that the Board members could meet newly hired Officer Stickney who has successfully completed full time officer training at the Police Academy.

Proposed departmental budgets are in. Board members will have a more in depth conversation with the department heads on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January when they have reviewed their proposals.

The Selectmen reviewed the 2019 year end balances in the Capital Reserve Funds and briefly discussed their 2020 funding. It is likely they will continue to appropriate funds as they did in 2019, with perhaps the establishment of a new CRF for Road Maintenance Equipment and a CRF appropriation to complete the Crown Point Fire Station.

The Town Budget Hearing is to be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the Town Hall Conference Room. The Town Meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup> commencing at 8:30AM in the Strafford School gymnasium.

With no further business to come before the Board, it was moved, seconded, and voted in the affirmative to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:07