

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting January 15, 2019

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young

In attendance: Judith Dupre, Gerald Waldron, Paige Holman, JoAnn Brown, Charlie Burnham, Sharon Omand, Jessie Kitz, Greg Messenger, Matthew Messenger, Lindsay Aucella, Betsy Cozine, David Copeland

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:26.

Judy Dupre discussed with Board members two 911 situations. The Selectmen, along with Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse, agreed to change the name of a portion of Whig Hill road to Old Whig Hill Road due to emergency response problems. However, our 911 coordinator, Judy Dupre, has been informed by the State that it is too close to the former name and is not permissible. Several names were suggested as a replacement. The naming of Thornes Way continues to be unacceptable to 2 owners along the roadway. Accordingly, a public hearing will be held in February to finalize the matter. The hearing will be posted and impacted residents will be notified of the date and time.

Jerry Waldron, Wyman Drive, presented a petition, with 27 signatures, to be placed on the 2019 Town Warrant; the article requests that Wyman Drive be accepted as Town maintained Class 5 road. Mr. Waldron gave a short history of the road and spoke about its current condition. The Selectmen will have Road Agent Greg Messenger take a look at the road to give an estimate as to what it would take to bring it up to Town specs. The cost of any necessary improvement to bring it up to Town standards would not be born by the Town.

The Selectmen reviewed and approved payment of payroll and bills. Notices of pay rate were reviewed and signed. A work session is scheduled for Tuesday January 22, 2019 beginning at 5:30. Pete LaChapelle. Representing Waste Management will meet with the Selectmen to discuss changes in the upcoming contract and billing.

Several representatives from the library were in attendance to discuss their amended 2019 budget proposal which had previously included a full time position children's librarian. Though the current budget has removed that request, Paige Holman, library director, spoke strongly in support of the position which reflects the library's vision to attract young families, and encourage use of the library from a young age. This past year, the part time youth librarian left for a full time position. Statistics pointing out the increase in the use of the library and participation in programs in the past year were presented. The Selectmen commended the fine job being done by the library staff and trustees and the leadership of Ms. Holman. The library will present its own budget at the Town Meeting.

The Building Inspector briefly attended the meeting to report his findings regarding a property he had been asked to visit where some concerns had been raised. Mr. Copeland found no indications or intentions of vehicle repair other than that of a personal nature.

The Selectmen discussed the Road Maintenance and Capital Improvement budgets with Road Agent Greg Messenger. His General Highway Expenses Budget will be increased to more accurately reflect increasing expenses and the need for traffic detail in some areas where he is working. Both the Selectmen and Greg have all given much thought to the future needs of the Town with regard to the Road Department.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Scott Young to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye, Scott Young – Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 7:05PM.

A motion was made by Bryant Scott to leave non-public session and seconded by Scott Young to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye, Scott Young – Aye

Public session reconvened at 7:29PM.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

A motion was made by Scott Young and seconded by Lynn Sweet to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye, Scott Young – Aye

The Selectmen voted to extend the lifeguard staffing at Bow Lake Beach for an additional week this year. The beach will open on June 16<sup>th</sup> and close on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Two sessions of swim lessons will be offered as in previous years, with Ted White returning as instructor. The Selectmen established a policy that should the beach be closed for inclement weather, the guards scheduled to work that day will be paid for 4 hours.

The Selectmen are in support of repurposing an existing capital reserve fund and will propose the change in the 2019 Town Warrant. A CRF for records storage at the Town Hall had been established many years ago; however the type of storage originally proposed is now outdated. Hard drives and server backups have replaced it. The article will propose that the purpose of the fund be changed to permit the purchase of current technology.

The Selectmen discussed anticipated building maintenance needs at the Town Hall. The 2019 budget will reflect planning for those.

There being no further business to discuss it was Selectmen Sweet moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Selectman Young. All voted in the affirmative. The Meeting adjourned at 7:56PM.