

Minutes of the Selectmen's Minutes January 16, 2018

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

In attendance: Police Chief Mike Richard, John Page, Don Clifford, Frank Blaney

Meeting was called to order at 5:34PM.

The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and the payment of bills.

Police Chief Mike Richard was in attendance to discuss his 2018 Police Department budget with the Board. The budget reflects a 2% COLA increase in wages. They discussed the scheduling of and compensation for nighttime call outs. Chief Richards will discuss it with his officers. He asked about logistics of selling the current cruiser privately when he purchases the next one.

Mr. Page was in attendance to learn how he might comply with the directives in the letter he received from the Town attorney. The Selectmen explained they had received individual complaints and a petition from neighbors expressing concern for the unsightly condition of the accumulated old vehicles on his property and the potential danger to their water supply from their deterioration. He expressed that he has no wish to create a legal burden for the Town, and yet wants to maintain his rights. The Board asked him his intentions. He understands that clean-up would be appropriate, but he is not willing to scrap everything. He is not selling any parts and assured the Board that all vehicles have been drained of fluids so water supply contamination is not a problem in his opinion. The Board expressed their willingness to work with him and suggested he return in one month with a plan as to how he will proceed to address these concerns, with specifics and a timeline. The Selectmen will hold him accountable. Mr. Page is scheduled to attend the February 27th meeting at 6:00PM.

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 6:17 PM.

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

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

Public session reconvened at 6:47PM.

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

Don Clifford, Tasker Hill Road, was in attendance to discuss a concern about new recycling measures at the Recycling Center. He has learned that small items such as bottle caps may no longer be recycled. The Selectmen explained that Waste Management passed along new guidelines to the Town late in 2017 due to changing markets. The Town is trying to comply with the new guidelines. He questioned Waste Management's authority to make these changes while we have a contract with them. He mentioned that Alton and Allenstown who have single stream recycling, no sorting; he thought it might be possible for the Town to look into that. He stated that the new guidelines seem contrary to the Town's efforts to encourage recycling. A new recycling brochure that outlines the changes has been prepared and Mr. Clifford was given one. The brochures are available at the Town Hall. The Selectmen encouraged Mr. Clifford to attend the February 6th budget hearing.

The Selectmen continued 2018 budget discussions, addressing matters at the Recycling Center. The current concrete block building that houses the electrical equipment for the dumpsters need to be replaced. The Selectmen will propose a warrant article for its replacement. Ben Francum, Recycling Center manager, had previously suggested an estimate of \$20,000

Lakes Region Mutual Aid along with Fire Chief Whitehouse will attend the January 23rd Selectmen's meeting to discuss the benefits and cost of the Lakes Region dispatch service.

The Selectmen accepted the resignation of Library Trustee Mary Marquadt. The Selectmen will not appoint an alternate trustee to the position as a new trustee will be elected in the upcoming Town elections.

The Selectmen discussed information pertaining to the refund of prepayment of taxes. Consistent with RSA 80:52-a, the Board unanimously voted to establish the following policy:

If prepayment is accepted, it cannot be "returned" if you change your mind later. A refund will be issued only if the prepayment is more than the future assessment of the property taxes for the upcoming year. If the prepayment is less than the future assessment of the property taxes a statement will be issued for the balance due.

Representatives from the 3 cemeteries in Town have submitted a petition article requesting \$6000 in funding for the maintenance of the 3 cemeteries in Town.

The Library has requested a warrant article for the addition of \$10,000 to the previously established CRF for future improvements to the Library.

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned 7:55PM.