

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting November 15, 2016

Selectmen in attendance: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young
In attendance: Ben Francum, George Preston, Holly Gahm

The Selectmen's Meeting commenced at 5:25PM.

After a short discussion with the Ben Francum, manager of the Recycling Center, the Selectmen approved the purchase of a snowblower for the Recycling Center over the repair of the older one currently in use.

At this time a motion was made by Bryant Scott and seconded by Lynn Sweet 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 5:32PM.

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

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

Public session reconvened at 5:50PM.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Bryant Scott 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 Board members authorized the appointment of Mary Marquadt as a Library Trustee alternate.

George Preston, Hill Library Director and Holly Gahm, Library Trustee, discussed with the Selectmen several aspects of the budget they will propose to the Board as well as their "vision" for the library in the future. They hope to see it become more of a lending library and a place of activity. They are hoping to provide more media and talking books; talking books being more expensive than traditional books. Admittedly, employee salaries are the biggest expense. The Trustees, with their own account, added the Town appropriations in 2016 to make necessary purchases. The Selectmen expressed appreciation for the thoughts presented and made several constructive comments about the budget presentation. Renovations are being made to the library with the funds appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund at the 2016 Town Meeting. The work will be ongoing into 2017.

The Board members signed a congratulatory certificate for James Zeblicky who has attained the rank of Eagle Scout in Scouting.

The November 22nd Selectmen's Meeting will be canceled. At the December 6th meeting the Selectmen will begin reviewing preliminary budgets and requests from all departments.

The Selectmen are still seeking applications for the position of Recycling Center Attendant. A notice will be posted on the website, in *Foster's* and *Community Calendar* and at the Recycling Center.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed MS-535, the Town's Financial Report to the State.

The Selectmen's Office will contact the Town attorney concerning 2 properties that may be taken by tax deed.

There being no more business to address, it was voted and seconded adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:06PM.