

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting December 20, 2016

Selectmen in attendance: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young
In attendance: John Dupere, Tom Dupere, Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse, Bill Booth, Judy Dupré

The Selectmen's Meeting commenced at 4:57PM.

Board members reviewed bills and payroll and approved payment. Correspondence was reviewed. Minutes from the December 15th work session were read and approved.

Tax Collector, Judy Dupré, discussed with the Board members the status of tax payments of property owners with 2014 liens. Options were discussed for two elderly property owners.

The Selectmen reviewed proposed operating budgets and wage lines. Warrant Article requests are not yet complete. Improved outdoor lighting at the Town Hall was briefly discussed. \$25,000 was added to the Road Agent's Capital Improvement budget with paving prices going up and to address the scope of his proposed work.

Also on the 2017 Warrant, Police Chief Mike Richard will be asking to purchase a new police vehicle, to be paid for by both Town appropriation and monies in the Police Special Detail Fund.

Blaise Swanwick has proposed to do some work on the Town website, pro bono. The Selectmen will point him to a few other Town websites that they find user friendly. Taking those into consideration, Blaise will make a presentation of some changes he would make at an upcoming Selectmen's meeting.

The Selectmen discussed the changes to the RSA pertaining to the granting of Veterans exemptions. They would like to get some feedback from residents about adopting it and ways to gather that information.

The School District Meeting will be held on **Saturday**, March 11, 2017.

The Selectmen had a serious discussion with John and Tom Dupere of Strafford Pallet about the progress being made to comply with Fire/Safety codes and the agreement to clean up the property on Parker Mountain Road. John and Tom explained that pallets out back had been burned, but the Selectmen pointed out that from the road, progress seems minimal. Trailers along with pallets will need to be moved from the front. Chief Scott Whitehouse will visit the property on Thursday the 22nd to note progress with fire code compliance. He wants to work with them to avoid the involvement of the fire Marshall. They granted an extension until February 1, 2017.

Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse was appointed to the position of Health Officer, replacing Kevin Lacroix who resigned.

Scott Whitehouse discussed a Warrant Article he will propose for a new defibrillator. It will be paid for from funds in the Ambulance Fund. He anticipates a \$4000 trade in value on the current defibrillator. As in 2016, he will submit a warrant article for the expenditure of funds from the Ambulance Fund for supplies for the ambulance. He will submit an article for additional funds to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for a new Crown Point Station. He and the Board members discussed adding funds next year to the Capital Reserve Fund for future apparatus purchases.

Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse and Board spoke about the Fire Department training for potential incidents that might occur at the NHNAG. The Fire department would be the First responders in case of a helicopter incident and Chief Whitehouse would like his members properly trained to respond. He would like to see if the NHANG would help subsidize the classes which are May 8th – 16th. He will inform the Board of the cost of training. The Selectmen agreed that they also would like to see a cooperative relationship between the NHANG and the Town. They suggested a meeting and tour sometime in January.

The Selectmen reviewed an application for the Recycling Center Attendant position which will be passed along to Recycling Center Manager, Ben Francum.

There being no further business to bring before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:49PM.