

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting December 22, 2015

Members present: Jim Andersen, Chairman, Lynn Sweet and Bryant Scott

In attendance: Keith Gagnon, Judy Dupré, Mary Hoyt, Scott Young

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 5:23PM.

The Selectmen read and approved minutes from Selectmen's Meeting on November 24th and December 7th. Bills and payroll were reviewed and approved.

Keith Gagnon, NHDRA appraiser, reviewed with the Selectmen an additional proposal for the Town's assessing contract. It was compared to the other proposals they had received by scope of work and price. Keith recommended that the Board commit only to a 1 year contract with any company.

Tax Collector Judy Dupré reported to the Selectmen on the status of payments being made by owners of properties with 2013 property liens. She will send out a final notice via certified mail to owners whose properties may be taken if the January 5th deadline for payment is not met.

Police Chief Scott Young briefly discussed some aspects of his 2016 budget with the Board. In 2016, he will request \$10,000 be placed in a capital reserve fund for the future purchase of a police cruiser.

The Selectmen opened the bids for 2 Town properties that were offered to abutters of the properties. The higher bid of \$15,671.00 for the property at Tax Map 17 Lot 5 was submitted by Bruce and Laurie Patrick.

Jim Andersen moved that the Board accept the Patricks' bid of \$15,671.00 for the property at Map 17 Lot 5. Bryant Scott seconded the motion. A vote was taken.

Jim Andersen – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

Concerning the property at Tax Map 3 Lot 1, Jim Andersen moved that the Board accept the bid of \$16,500.00 submitted by Phil and Carolyn Auger. Bryant Scott seconded the motion. A vote was taken.

Jim Andersen – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

Both purchased properties will, by agreement, be merged with the owners' abutting properties when the property is transferred from the Town to the new owners. The Patricks and Augers will be notified when a purchase and sale agreement has been prepared.

The emergency repair to Fire Engine 3 was discussed. Chief Whitehouse has adequate funds in his budget to cover the expense along some equipment he had planned to purchase. The Selectmen would like him to review his maintenance contract with Lakes Region.

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

Jim Andersen – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 6:29PM.

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:

Jim Andersen – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

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

Jim Andersen – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

Public session reconvened at 6:58PM.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

The Board members discussed some items to be included in the overall budget as warrant articles; \$25,000 into the Capital Reserve Fund for upcoming bridge projects, funds to pay for the 2016 Statistical Revaluation, and funds to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for further work on the Town's dry hydrants. Discussion will continue on January 5th at the next Board meeting.

Member of the Police Department are tentatively scheduled to have an informational meeting with a HealthTrust representative on January 5th at 5:30PM to learn about the new health insurance plan for full time employees.

The proposed new server, assessing computer proposal and the technical updates included in the package proposed by EMF were discussed. The Board approved the expenditure out of the contingency fund and the financial administration budget. The Selectmen's Office will contact Mr. Goglen from EMF to discuss the implementation of the plan.

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:25.