

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting March 31, 2015

Members present: Jim Andersen, Chairman, Lynn Sweet, and Bryant Scott
In attendance: Don Clifford

The meeting was called to order at 5:58PM.

Bills and payroll were reviewed and payment was approved. The Selectmen reviewed and addressed correspondence as necessary. Pay rate and appointment slips were signed.

The Selectmen discussed recent correspondence from NHDOT regarding the repair of the State owned portion of Province Road, which is riddled with potholes and has been a maintenance nightmare. The State acknowledged its poor condition and expects to repair it in 2016 if funding allows. The Selectmen's Office has contacted State Senator John Reagan from our district, to see if he can be of some assistance with this matter. The State does summer maintenance on this portion of the road, while the Town does winter maintenance; this has been a long standing agreement.

The Selectmen acknowledged receipt of a letter from the State commending the thoroughness of the Town's assessing records which were recently reviewed by the NH Department of Revenue Administration.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed a 3 year contract with the current auditors of the Town, guaranteeing the current rate for those 3 years. The Selectmen again expressed the desire to review all contracts well before their renewal dates.

The members of the Board reviewed and signed a Current Use penalty. They requested more background information about the property be included in the letter of recommendation from the assessor.

The Town received State Bridge Aid funds for some of the State's portion of the work on the First Crown Point Road bridge.

Don Clifford, Tasker Hill Road, asked the Selectmen concerning the policy about minutes of the Town Meeting. He explained that he would like to see more in depth minutes and asked about the possibility of recording (audio) the meeting. Some aspects of the procedure for doing that as well as the surrounding legal issues were discussed. The Selectmen pointed out that the State requirement is for summary minutes, highlighting whether warrant articles have passed or failed. Those minutes become the official minutes of the meeting; only one set of minutes can be "official". The Selectmen's Office will look into the matter.

Don discussed some further questions he has concerning the Fire Department, in particular the expectations of the role of the Fire Chief. The Selectmen assured him they have addressed his particular concern and will continue to do so.

Don inquired about the posting of roads and asked the Selectmen to secure the assistance of the Police Department in enforcing the posting ordinance. The Selectmen will speak with the Road Agent and the Police Department concerning this.

Don also expressed his concern about the Town's assessing agent being on his property when he is not at home.

Jim reported that the fence at the Transfer Station has been repaired. A mechanic is coming to look at the loader on April 1st.

Jim gave an update on the Fire Department, reporting that Engine 3 is back in service; it has some further repairs which the Chief believes will be under warranty. EMT testing has been scheduled. Chief Whitehouse is enrolled in an Inspection class.

The Selectmen briefly discussed summer beach operations. The Selectmen's Office will contact the young man who currently mows for the Town to see if he will mow the beach area as well.

The Selectmen's Office has made arrangements to install the VPN for the Town Clerk's connection with the State with Metrocast as the provider. The Office will review our account status with Metrocast in the event of a possible outage.

The Selectmen were notified of progress on payment of overdue taxes since their last meeting. Several properties received notification via certified as well as regular mail for tax deeding and the deadline for payment of overdue taxes. Research is being done on Town owned properties to be sold.

At this time a motion was made by Jim Andersen 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:

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

The Board entered non-public session at 7:15PM.

A motion was made by Jim Andersen 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 Lynn Sweet and seconded by Jim Andersen 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 7:25PM.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:28PM.