

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 4 March 2014

Members present: JoAnn Brown, Chairman, Jim Andersen, R. Stephen Leighton
In attendance: Scott Whitehouse, David Harntraft, George Lovejoy, Liz Evans

The meeting was called to order at 6:13PM.

Bills and payroll were reviewed and payment was approved. Correspondence from Dept of the Army regarding the proposed improvements at the NHANG facility was read. The Selectmen noted that Kooauke Island Association had declined their offer of settlement, tentatively agreed to at a recent settlement meeting ordered by the BTLA. The BTLA will be notified. The Selectmen approved an abatement recommendation made by the assessing agent.

Minutes from February 19th Selectmen's Meeting were read and approved.

Scott Whitehouse discussed several Fire Department matters with the Board. He has asked Dave Harntraft to be second in command with the intention that he should become Deputy Chief; the Board was in agreement. Dave presented the Board with copies of his certifications. Scott has made the following changes in the officers of the department - Paul Stover and Craig Robichaud as captains, with Eric Aucella, Ben Bickford, and Bryan Hayes as lieutenants. Scott has not made a final consideration about the position of Fire Warden. Several department members have expressed the desire to further their training and upgrade their certifications. Scott, Dave and the Board discussed the logistics of that and their obligation to the Town for payment of the training. No decision was made. Scott would like to present Paul Stover with a certificate of appreciation at the March 15 Town Meeting for his years of service as Fire Chief.

A public hearing will be held on March 18th on the proposed pole licenses with the utilities who use the poles on public land. Proper notifications have been made. The proposed licenses have added RSA 72:23 which includes language about taxation.

The Selectmen agreed to participate with the SVRTA Health Insurance Study Committee to research options available for health insurance benefits for full time Town employees.

The Road Agent will post seasonal weight restrictions, at his discretion, on Class V roads for the period March 1 – May 1.

George Lovejoy, in his capacity as president of Blue Hills Foundation, discussed his request for limiting public access to pedestrian traffic on 3 Class 6 roads where he owns the frontage. Of the 3 proposed roads, Little Niagara is the only Class A Trail. It is permissible to restrict use there to pedestrian traffic, and in such a case, a locked gate might be practical. If the gate is present, LGC advised to give sufficient warning of such by means of signage on the trail as the gate is approached. In regard to the other 2 Class VI roads in question, the LGC advised that it might be prudent to post warning signs as notification of the road being unmaintained and perhaps put up an unlocked gate. George will investigate gates, locked and unlocked, and will report back to the Selectmen before he proceeds. Blue Hills Foundation will pay for the gates.

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