

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 7 January 2014

Members present: JoAnn Brown, Chairman, Jim Andersen

In attendance: Scott Whitehouse

The meeting was called to order at 4:06PM.

Bills were reviewed and payment approved, including payment for Hazardous Waste Day.

The Board approved minutes as written from December 17, 2013 and December 23, 2013.

The Selectmen and Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse discussed reasonable estimates for the expenditures proposed by the department through warrant articles this year. They also discussed the salary and benefits for the proposed full time Fire Chief position as well as the tentative start date if approved at Town Meeting.

The Selectmen reviewed the NHDOT report on the Crown Point bridge along with the proposal from DuBois and King. The Selectmen will ask the road agent Greg Messenger to review proposal and attend the next meeting with Dubois and King, which will be some time after the budget hearing.

The Board discussed plans, current and future, for repairs at the Recycling Center. Some immediate repairs are possible through the operating budget; the Selectmen will request the establishment of a capital reserve fund for some necessary but not immediate maintenance. NHDES will be notified about the repairs.

Further discussion on the requested increase in the Treasurer's salary is awaiting additional information.

The Budget Hearing will be held at 6:00 on Tuesday, February 4, 2013, with a snow date of Thursday, February 6, 2013. February 4 is also the deadline for petition articles; no petition articles have been received by the Selectmen's Office to date, though at least two are anticipated. The Budget Hearing date will be published in Foster's Daily Democrat and the Town Calendar.

The Selectmen's Office will look into the cost of better lighting for the Town Office parking lot.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:45PM.