

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2015

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Michael Worth, James Cross, Mark Castonguay, Joel Cope, and Teresa Potwin.

Michael Worth called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Update agenda: Joel gave the board a list of items that need to be added to the agenda, which include pay orders, overweight permits, auditor's letter, and fire department.

Public comment: None.

Read and approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from the January 19, 26, and February 2, 2015 meetings. A motion was made by James Cross to accept the minutes as printed. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Buildings and maintenance: Joel updated the board on the VLCT PACIF safety survey. Joel informed the board that he has been in contact with the vendors about sending safety data sheets with the materials that are sold to the town. As of the date of the meeting, Joel has not heard back from the vendors, nor have we received any of the data sheets. Mark will contact the vendors in which he deals with about this issue.

Joel updated the board on the fuel use for the Town Hall. For the 2013/2014 heating season we have gone from using 6500 gallons to 4000 gallons.

Joel informed the board of a call from a lady that slipped on the stairs in front of Simon The Tanner.

Joel informed the board that Probate Court would be changing internet providers from GAW to Comcast. The need to inform the board of this is because some electrical work needed to be done in the hall.

Roads: Mark informed the board that all was well. Mark did say that he had used a lot of sand this year, but with the frigid temperatures this is expected.

Personnel: The board reviewed employee time sheets.

The board reviewed the road crew job description and has decided to put an ad in all the local papers running on February 27 and 28 and March 3, 2015; stating that applications are due back in the Town clerk's office by March 13, 2015.

NEMRC agreement: Joel reviewed the repayment agreement with the board.

Probate Court: Joel showed the board a letter of support to keep the probate court open here in Essex. The board reviewed the letter. A motion was made by Mike Worth to have the board sign the letter of support. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Town hall grant: Joel informed the board that the grant application due in June requiring a 25% match is not the one we should be applying for. There is one due in September with a 10% match that Joel is a better option.

Updated items: The board reviewed the letter from the auditors, suggesting a second computer for the town clerk's office. The board said that this would be ok.

Joel informed the board that the fire department is looking for people. The board suggested running an ad in the paper.

A motion was made by Mike Worth to allow Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux to sign the overweight permits. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The board signed the road pay orders and the general pay orders.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.