

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2016

Present: Doug Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Mark Castonguay, Bill Hawkins, Joel Cope and Teresa Potwin, Walt Driscoll, and Rick Hannux.

The board called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update agenda: Joel informed the board of a couple of updates to the agenda, which include appoint water commissioner as sewer commissioner and also a request for purchase of broom balls from the park account.

Appoint Chairperson: James Cross made a motion to appoint Doug Niles as Chairperson of the board of selectmen. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting. James Cross made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Doug Niles seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Updates: A motion was made by James Cross for the board to appoint the elected water commissioners as sewer commissioners. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Doug Niles informed the board that a request was made by Craig Barnes to have town purchase broom balls from the park account. James Cross made a motion to purchase broom balls at a cost of not more than \$100.00 from the park account. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: Rick Hannux and Walt Driscoll were present to inform the board that the accident in East Brighton on January 20, 2016 with the tanker truck spill over required the fire department to be on scene for 14 ½ hours and required a haz-mat clean up. The fire department invoiced the chemical company for the hours worked and the equipment and hazardous waste clean-up. The fire department paid the firefighter's wages as well as the hazardous waste clean-up, and presented the town with the remaining money for the equipment use. The town treasurer will deposit this money into the fire department equipment reserve fund.

Buildings and maintenance: A motion was made by Jonathan O'keefe to purchase the used generator for \$3526.00 from the Town of Wilmington. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried. Joel will contact Wilmington to find out the size of the generator, and then will contact Mark Castonguay to see if the road crew is available to go to Wilmington to pick it up. Jonathan will contact Jason Belknap to have him look at the electrical work that would need to be done to install this generator.

Joel informed the board that the Energy Audits for all the town owned buildings were available to review if they wished.

Roads: The board signed the documentation that the town will comply with the road standards. This document is signed by the board every year.

Melinda, Joel, and Mark met with Sweet Tree on complaints on the Arthur John Road. Sweet Tree informed them that they will comply with the rules that have been put in place for many years.

Personnel: Joel will make copies of the current personnel policy for the board members to review in order to start the process of reviewing the policy. These will be ready for the next meeting.

Set dates, times and places of regular Select board meetings: A motion was made by James Cross to set the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the town hall to hold the Select board meetings. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Name newspaper of record: A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to set the Caledonian Record as newspaper of record. James Cross seconds the motion all in favor, so carried.

Set rates for town equipment: A motion to set the rates for the use of town equipment as follows was made by James Cross, seconded by Jonathan O'Keefe.

1. Backhoe: \$75.00 per hour
2. Front-End Loader: \$85.00 per hour
3. Truck: \$55.00 per hour
4. Grader: \$90.00 per hour
5. Sidewalk Tractor: \$55.00 per hour.

Appoint Town Officers: A motion was made by James Cross to appoint the following as town officers. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

1. Fence Viewers: The Select board
2. Pound Keeper: Bruce Rolfe
3. Tree Warden: Pierre Dupuis
4. Animal Control Officer: Bruce Rolfe
5. Town Service Officer: Lisa Moore
6. Constable: Jeff Noyes
7. Inspector of Wood, Lumber and Shingles: Ray Fontaine
8. Weigher of Coal: Ray Fontaine

The Island: The Island may be available for purchasing again, and Joel asked the board if the town is still in the same position as it previously was, where if the price was right, the board would hold a public meeting to put the questions before the voters for their opinion on this. A motion was made by James Cross to hold the same position as previously discussed. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Aldrich and Elliott agreement: Joel gave a copy of the Aldrich and Elliott agreement to the board to review.

Pay orders: The board signed the pay orders.

Overweight permits: A motion was made by James Cross to have the select board chair sign the two overweight permits. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Joel showed the board an invitation to the Brighton Bearcat breakfast to be held at the school on March 9, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.