

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 21, 2016

Present: Doug Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O'keefe, Scott Shephardson, Marty Frizzell, Mark Castonguay, Betty Gillfillan, Lucille Stevens, Jeff Noyes, Joel Cope and Teresa DeBonville.

Chairperson Doug Niles called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update Agenda: A&E documents to be signed, complaint from Donna Kuras, complaint about Dollar General deliveries.

Public comment: None.

Island Pond Historical Society: Betty Gillfillan, on behalf of the Island Pond Historical Society was present to discuss the current rent and upcoming rent. Doug Niles informed Mrs. Gillfillan that the board is at an understanding that all the rental spaces are not currently "cookie cutter" spaces and the board feels that they need to look at each space individually to come up with a rate to charge. Doug informed Mrs. Gillfillan that the board is in agreement that the rent will not increase this year and that the historical society will be charged their current rate for another year. A motion was made by James Cross to keep the historical society's rent at the current rate with no increase for the 2017 year. Jonathan O'Keefe seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried. Mrs. Gillfillan thanked the board for not increasing the rent, but also told them that they were looking for other options.

Water/Sewer contract: The board looked over the current contract up for renewal with Piscataqua. Lucille Stevens, on behalf of the water/sewer commissioners told the board that the water/sewer board was ok with the renewal contract and that her board had signed it the night before. Marty Frizzell, as chief operator was very happy with the current company. Doug did tell Marty and Lucy that he was speaking with other companies, as there is a clause in the current contract that with a 30 day notice this contract can be broken. Lucille stated that the only thing her board was concerned about was having more time to look over contracts before deadlines are due. A motion was made by James Cross to sign the contract with Piscataqua. Jonathan O'keefe seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Footbridge Maintenance: Scott Shephardson on behalf of the Island Pond Community was present to discuss the footbridge maintenance. At this time the community does the maintenance on the bridge (shoveling, sweeping in the summer, picking up trash, etc.) at a cost of \$1200.00 per year. Mr. Shephardson was present to discuss what the board is expecting the community to do, having a contract in place, who needs to have liability insurance, etc. The board would like the community to write up a proposal on what they feel is fair and present it to the board. At a later date the board will look this over and negotiate with them.

ATV Committee: Tabled.

Buildings and maintenance: Joel informed the board that there was an issue over at the fire station with the heat over the weekend. Irving oil, who is currently our oil provider said that the tank was leaking and that it needed to be fixed before they could deliver oil. After speaking with the crew at the fire station it was brought to the town's attention that the oil filter in the tank had been changed and that it wasn't properly cleaned up afterwards and that they believed that the tank was not leaking. Irving oil will be sending someone out to inspect the tank on Thursday, December 22, 2016, after which the board will decide what to do to fix the issue.

Billy Hawkins informed the board that there were seven lights out in the gym, and suggested looking into replacing them with LED fixtures. The board will look into the cost of this before making any decisions.

Billy has talked to Keith Gray about moving the basketball hoop in the gym.

Roads: The road crew has been helping Ray with the installation of the bleachers in the gym.

A motion was made by James Cross to have Brett Hedges plow the Hancock Road again this year. Jonathan O'keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

James Cross told the board about a complaint he received from Donna Kuras on Derby Street about her neighbor plowing snow onto her property. This is a civil issue, so the board has no input on this matter.

James Cross also told the board about a complaint that he received about delivery drivers parking on Cross Street to deliver goods to the Dollar General. The Dollar General has a loading dock out behind the store and in their permit it states that they are to use this. Joel informed the board that this was a zoning violation and asked if they wished to pursue this. The board would like Joel to pursue this matter.

A&E documents: This matter is tabled until more specific information can be sought by the board.

LRI Contract: The board reviewed the Lyndon Rescue contract. A motion was made by James Cross to sign the LRI contract for the upcoming year. Jonathan O'keefe seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

NEKWMD Report: Joel informed the board of the outcome of the NEKWMD meeting. The District representatives voted to charge a surcharge to towns on a per capita basis. The board denied the request to not have an Australian Vote on the budget.

Budget 2017: A motion was made by Jonathan O'keefe to purchase a new cruiser for the police department with funds coming from the equipment reserve fund. James Cross seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The board also reviewed items in the upcoming 2017 budget.

Better connections Grant: Joel informed the board that this grant was due January 13, 2017 and wanted to know if the board wanted him to pursue this. The board agreed with all of the projects in the upcoming revitalization of the downtown that it would be a good idea to apply.

Pay orders: The board signed the general pay orders and the road pay orders for December.

Approve minutes of previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the December 7, 2016 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by James Cross. Jonathan O'keefe seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Joel informed the board of the upcoming county budget meeting being held in Guildhall if any of the board wanted to attend.

Joel informed the board of an inspection of the recycle center turned up a couple of issues, but these had been resolved before the report came out.

Joel will order an updated version of the Handbook for the selectman.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.