

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2017

Present: Doug Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Ray Fontaine, Nick Tardif, Bryan Ashman, Wayne Elliott, Jason Booth, Ed Barber, Jeff Noyes, Rick Hannux, Walt Driscoll, Mike Bernick, Joel Cope, Beth Rodondi, and Teresa DeBonville.

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

Update agenda: Doug informed the board of the following updates. Beth Rodondi on behalf of the little basketball players; and Denise Russell would like to move town meeting to the school.

Updates: Beth Rodondi was present to discuss the scheduling of the use of the gym with the board. At this time Beth coaches about 25 little kids (between the ages of 3 and 6) on Tuesday nights in the town hall gym. She was informed the other night, that the graded school would like the use of the gym on her time slot to have basketball practice. This causes a conflict as Beth's group cannot meet at any other time. After discussing the situation with the board, they feel that the school should find a different place to practice, as this is mid-season. If the school decided that they need to have practice at a different time next year, the board feels that they should put this in writing and submit it to the town at the beginning of the season.

Denise Russell contacted Doug and requested that town meeting be held at school this year. Joel will look into whether or not this has to be put before the voters, or if the destination can be changed without consent of the voters before a decision is made.

Public comment: None.

Aldrich and Elliott Engineers: Jason Booth and Wayne Elliott were present to go over a proposal with the board to offset the cost of the Storm water project. After negotiations with the board, A & E is offering up to \$7000.00 in equivalent engineering services to offset the Town's portion of any projects. A & E will begin by not billing the remaining portion of the fee for the Water and Sewer Ordinances and Rates (\$3,600.00) which will maximize benefit to the town as this project is 100% funded by the town. The remaining money will be credited to future billings. A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to accept Aldrich and Elliott Engineering proposal as stated above. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Fire Department: Rick Hannux and Walt Driscoll discussed with the board about being NFPA compliant with their equipment. After doing research, Walt Driscoll stated that 56% nationwide fire departments are not 100% NFPA compliant, and wanted to know the board's feelings on this situation. In order for Brighton to become 100% compliant, this would cost the town thousands of dollars. At this time the fire trucks are not 100% compliant due to the age of the equipment, but the fire department feels that these are more than safe. The board stated that they feel that the fire department should use their judgement on the equipment that is needed and that they are aware that the department will not be NFPA compliant. Doug stated that the

department would know better than anybody the equipment that was needed for the safety of our firefighters and that they would stand behind their judgements on the matter.

Buildings and Maintenance: The board reviewed the quote given by Gray's Welding to repair the backboard in the gym. A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to accept Gray's bid and hire him to do the work. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Ray informed the board that the roof to the entry way of the basement is still leaking.

Joel will get quotes on the platform lift for the town hall.

Roads: Doug thanked Mark for the work on Pleasant Street.

Mark informed the board that he was looking into renting uniforms for the road crew. The board will look into a clothing allowance for the road crew, maintenance and recycle center.

Footbridge Maintenance: Tabled.

Bulky Day 2017: A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to have 5 Bulky Days, scheduled to start in May on the second Saturday of the Month from 8-2. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Budget 2017: The board worked on the budget for the upcoming 2017 year.

The board will hold a meeting on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 11:00 AM to discuss rents and leases and the Personnel Policy.

Town meeting warning articles: Tabled.

Approve minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the January 4, 2017 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Jonathan O'Keefe. James Cross seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Doug gave the other board members a proposal from a different water and sewer contractor to look over.

A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to have the chairperson sign the overweight permits for the 2017 year. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Joel gave the board a draft of the select board report to look over.

The board reviewed a copy of the All-Terrain ordinance to look over. The board feels that this should be a decision of the voters and discussed adding it to the warning for Town Meeting. The board needs more precise details before making a decision on this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.