

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

**Present:** Michael Strait; Jonathan O’Keefe; Jeanne Gervais; Doug Niles; Frank Maloney; Ray Fontaine; Mark Castonguay; John Zuppa; Joel Cope and Lisa Moore

**Updates:** 1. Warning; 2. LEMP; 3. Biron; 4. CNB lease; 5. Library; 6. Overweight permits; 7. Hydrants

**LEMP:** Bruce Melendy, of NVDA, can attend a meeting concerning our Local Emergency Management Plan. The meeting will be at 4:00 PM on February 20<sup>th</sup>. A Special Selectboard meeting will follow after.

**Library:** John Zuppa said that the Passumpsic Bank and the Library are having issues with their heating system. They are unable to lower the temperature below 80 degrees. Ray Fontaine said that he will arrange to have it looked at tomorrow. He believes that a zoning valve may be sticking. John said that the library’s air conditioner is also making a strange noise and there is a broken window that should be repaired or replaced at some time.

**Recreation Dept.:** Doug Niles reported that the Recreation Department is getting ready for the Winter Carnival and also for the upcoming Maple Festival. The gym will be used as a warming center and there will be hot cocoa and games such as Community Bingo.

Doug said that he had paid \$25.00 for a gift certificate that he actually never received last year. Jeanne Gervais made a motion to approve the \$25.00 reimbursement to Doug by the Essex House. Jonathan O’Keefe seconds the motion. All in favor. So carried.

**Public Comment:** Frank Maloney wanted clarification on whether Brighton still wants a Fast Squad or not. Joel had five people interested who were willing to be EMRs for a Fast Squad, but after speaking with Newport Ambulance Service, we were under the impression that they would have a substation in Morgan up and ready within a short while. Because of this, it seemed that there would be no need for a Fast Squad. Frank Maloney expressed that he thinks we will still need one even if there is a substation in Morgan. Right now there is only Rick Hannux

and himself available here in Island Pond when they are not on the clock for Newport Ambulance. Joel is going to call Newport Ambulance Service to discuss these concerns and try to get a better idea of when we will have a substation in Morgan and whether we should move forward with the Fast Squad. If we decide to move forward, Frank said he is willing to do a lot of the leg work to get one together.

**Hydrants:** Tom Hanlon wrote Teresa that he might be able to get some community service workers to do some work here. Shoveling hydrants would be a good use of their time if it can be arranged.

**Biron:** The board reviewed a letter from Sharon Biron requesting the board's support for Route 105 to be renamed after her late husband. No action was taken by the Selectboard.

**Road Dept.:** Mark still needs to put up a sign on the main road before Woodland Trail, that says "To Woodland Trail" (with an arrow). He also needs to put up a sign for Beecher Pond Road. He said that these will be done in the spring.

Roy Connington contacted the Town Office concerning his mailbox. He said the Town worker knocked it off of its pole when they were plowing and that he would like the Town to pay for it. He said that he had paid around \$100 for it last summer. Mark Castonguay said that he never saw the mail box and that residents are supposed to keep the snow cleaned out around the mailboxes. He would have been able to see it if it had been cleared of snow. No action was taken by the selectboard.

The State has offered an aluminum culvert option for the Arthur John Road that is cheaper. The Selectboard all agreed to go with the aluminum culvert.

If the Town wishes to set special weight limits on any roads, they need to notify the state.

**Buildings & Maintenance:** Ray was asked to clean up the snow pile on the Joseph Block. He may need to ask Mark to do it with the backhoe.

There was a leak in the basement of about an inch of water. Ray thinks it is just caused from the type of winter we are having.

Ray said the skating rink looks good. It may need to be flooded again before the Winter Carnival.

Ray has been looking at trucks and shared some prices with the board. Jonathan suggested that he check in with Craig Goulet also.

**Budget:** The Selectboard had already previously approved the Budget. Mike Strait will just be changing some wording from “Christmas Decorations” to “Street Pole Decorations”.

**Lake Protection:** There is a potential grant of \$10,000 for lake protection. There is already \$8,000 in the budget that has been put aside for this. The board agreed that the \$8,000 in the budget could be committed as a match to the \$10,000 from the state grant for aquatic nuisance control. It was also suggested to look into what matching monies may be available from the Island Pond Lake Association and the Chamber to use toward this cause.

**Warning:** Jeanne Gervais made a motion to sign the Warning for the Annual Town Meeting of 2019. Jonathan seconds, all in favor, so carried.

**Overweight Permits:** Jonathan made a motion to sign the overweight permits. Jeanne Gervais seconds, all in favor, so carried.

**CNB Lease:** A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to sign the Community National Bank rental lease. Jonathan O’Keefe seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried. The board signed the lease agreement.

**Rental Rates:** Joel will be calling the electric company to have them figure out what meters go to which renters in the depot.

**Bulky Day Schedule:** The Brighton Bulky Day schedule was confirmed. It will remain the same being the second Saturday of the month, for five months, beginning May 5th through - September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Pound Keeper:** Bruce Rolfe, pound keeper, took care of a dog beyond the 10 day limit that is current town policy, at the request of the police chief in relation to an investigation, but without checking with the Selectboard. Bruce would like to be reimbursed for the time and expenses spent on the dog. Jeanne Gervais made a motion to pay Bruce \$500 for caring for the dog. Jonathan seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

There was a request for use of the gym March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Fishing Derby. The board is fine with this as long as there is no bouncy house.

**Pay Orders:** Pay Orders were reviewed and signed.

**Approve minutes of previous meeting:** The board reviewed the minutes of January 16, 2019. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeanne Gervais seconds, all in favor, so carried.

**Other Business:** Michael Strait asked that he be reimbursed for his mileage when he goes to events on behalf of the Town. The board is fine with that.

David Dittner would like the sidewalk to be plowed out on the bridge across from the Essex House. Ray said that he will do it.

Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to hire Lisa Moore, for \$1200 a year, to clean the Foot Bridge beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM