

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2019

Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Jeff Noyes, Mark Castonguay, Ray Fontaine, Doug Niles, Joel Cope, and Teresa DeBonville.

Michael Strait called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update Agenda: None.

Appoint chairperson: A motion to appoint Michael Strait as Chairperson of the select board was made by Jeanne Gervais. This was seconded by Heather McElroy, all in favor, so carried.

Public comments: None.

Road departments: The board set Thursday, March 28, 2018 at 8:00 AM as the date of the annual highway meeting.

Joel informed the board that a complaint was made about snowmobilers parking on the sidewalk in front of the Essex House and Tavern. Jeff Noyes has talked with the owners of the establishment and they have addressed the situation by putting no parking signs up. Jeanne will talk to the snowmobile club about signage along the trails about the parking situation in town.

Mark informed the board that Jerry got into an accident with the plow truck. Joel will call the insurance company.

Jeanne, Joel, and Marty will attend the paving project meeting in St. Johnsbury on Monday, March 11, 2019.

Buildings and Maintenance: Joel informed the board that the electric meter situation for the upstairs tenants at the railroad depot could not be sorted out as to which meter belonged to which tenant, so the town will add \$30.00 each month to the tenants rent to cover the cost.

The elevator has been repaired. This was under warranty, so no invoice should be sent on this.

A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to have at least two coats of polyurethane put on the gym floor in the Spring. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Recreation Department: Doug Niles was present to request that a phone line be put in down in the recreation department office. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to have a phone line added to the recreation department office. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Set dates, times and places of regular select board meetings: A motion was made by Heather McElroy to set the first and third Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the town clerk's office to hold the select board meetings. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Name newspaper of record: Heather McElroy motioned to name The Caledonian Record as the newspaper of record. Jeanne Gervais requested that The Newport Daily Express be the newspaper of record. Michael Strait seconds the motion to make The Caledonian Record as the newspaper of record; this becoming the deciding factor.

Set rate for town equipment: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to set the hourly rates for town equipment as follows, this motion was seconded by Heather McElroy, all in favor, so carried.

BACKHOE: \$95.00
FRONT END LOADER: \$105.00
TRUCK: \$75.00
GRADER: \$110.00
SIDEWALK TRACTOR: \$75.00

Appoint town officers: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to appoint the following town officers. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor so carried.

FENCE VIEWERS: SELECT BOARD
POUND KEEPER: BRUCE ROLFE
TREE WARDEN: PIERRE DUPUIS
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS: BRUCE ROLFE/ JEFF NOYES
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER: ELIMINATED
CONSTABLE: JEFF NOYES
TOWN GRAND JUROR: RENO GERVAIS

Pay Orders: The board reviewed and signed the pay orders for the road department and the general account.

Approve previous minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the February 20, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to accept the minutes as printed. Michael Strait seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to validate the decision to spend \$39.00 on the Newport Daily Express ad thanking the first responders. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.