

SELECTBOARD MEETING

January 17, 2018

Present: Jim Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Ouida Testut, Rick Hannux, Mike Strait, Mark Castonguay, Joel Cope, Bill Hawkins, Jeff Noyes and Lisa Moore

Chairperson, Doug Niles, was not present due to illness.

Call the meeting to order: Jim Cross called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update Agenda: Appointment of new auditor; Complaint from Railroad St. residents

There have been several complaints from Railroad Street residents about the trains sitting for days with the engines running for the whole period of time. Jonathan made a motion for Joel to contact the person in charge of the railroad and ask them to park out of town. Jim Cross seconds the motion. All in favor.

Bobbi Magoon sent a letter informing the board of her resignation as auditor. Mike Strait recommended Jocelyn Gervais to take over the position. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to accept Bobbi Magoon's resignation and to appoint Jocelyn Gervais as the new auditor. Jim Cross seconds the motion. All in favor.

Roads: Mark Castonguay said that there was a lot of water in the roads by the culverts last week. The road department had to work on one culvert that was frozen solid. Roads are in good condition now.

The black town truck broke down and is in need of repair.

Buildings and Maintenance:

Drinking fountain for gym: The new drinking fountain has been delivered. We are just waiting for a time that Bucky Tardif can come and install it.

Lift: Joel said that many things are in place for moving forward with the installation of the lift. We are at a point where the board needs to validate the purchase of the lift from Weber and the hiring of Kingdom Construction to install the lift. The board confirmed the cost of the lift and the work to install it and validated the purchase and the work to be started.

Depot work update: Tom Barrup went up into the attic of the Railroad Depot building to inspect the condition of the roof dormers. Some of them need repair and they should all be painted. Attic insulation is also needed. He will be giving an estimate for the roof job. The board discussed the pros and cons of hiring a Construction Manager verses a General Contractor. Although the Town has a historic grant for \$20,000 for the roof work, town funding will be necessary as well.

Pay Orders: Pay orders were reviewed and approved by the board.

Confirm 2018 Bulky Days: Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to confirm that the Bulky days would remain the same as last year being the second Saturday of the month May through September. Jim Cross seconds. All in favor.

Lyndon Rescue Medical Service Contract: Jon Bouffard, director of Operations for Lyndon Rescue, Inc., submitted a letter requesting that the town sign a new contract for medical services provided by Lyndon Rescue, Inc. They requested \$57,079.29 for the population fee and \$40,000 for the Ambulance Fee for the Calendar Year 2018. The board discussed this matter in depth. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to approve the Lyndon Rescue Medical Service Contract for 2018 and for Joel Cope to sign the contract. Jim Cross seconds. All in favor.

Rick Hannux shared with the board some of the struggles and costs that the ambulance service has to deal with. Presently there are three of our local firemen taking an EMR class. The cost of the class is \$400. An EMT class is \$700. They have to pay this cost out of their own pocket and yet they make only \$3/hr for their service. It was suggested that the Town could possibly cover some of these costs.

Jonathan O'Keefe thought that since Jeff Noyes is in a first responder position, that it would be good for the Town to pay for him to have one of these certifications. Joel Cope suggested training for all town employees. Jonathan O'Keefe also thinks that the Town should buy a second defibrillator unit for the downstairs. The cost would be about \$1200.

Approve Minutes of previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of January 3, 2018. Jonathan asked that the word "Christmas" be changed to "Holiday". Jim Cross made a motion to accept the minutes with this correction made. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds. All in favor.

Proposed 2018 Budget: Joel explained that though the proposed budget is down, the tax rate would go up if that budget is approved, barring other revenue. They may have to propose the tax payers a nine cent increase on each one-hundred dollars of property value. An example of this increase would mean a property valued at \$90,000, would have a tax increase of \$810.00.

Joel said that we need the Town Report ready by the last week of January. There will be a Special Selectboard Meeting to do the budget next Wednesday on the 24th of January at 6:00 PM. Joel will warn the meeting.

Other Business: Jim Cross made a motion to accept a hand written receipt from Doug Niles in order to reimburse him for an IPAD that he purchased to use for the recreation director position. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion. All in favor.

Bill Hawkins said that last week someone tried to break into Doug's office. He also found a guy hanging out in the lobby downstairs. The guy told him that he has come in several times to do this. Bill told the guy that he could not hang out in the building and asked him to leave. The back door had been unlocked. Bill asked Ray Fontaine to be sure to lock it back up when he comes in and out. The town will also be replacing that door. Jeff Noyes asked Bill Hawkins to notify him when an incident like these occurs. Jonathan said we should also have a sign that says "No Unauthorized Personnel".

Adjourn: Jonathan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Jim Cross seconds. All in favor.