

SELECTBOARD MEETING
April 4, 2018

Present: Michael Strait (chair), Jim Cross, Jonathan O’Keefe, Ed Barber, Elizabeth Trail, Bill Hawkins, Jeff Noyes, Rick Hannux, Frank Maloney, Ray Fontaine, Mark Castonguay, Duane Powers, Claire Barnes, Billie Bone, Hope Powers, Carlene Powers, Kelley Sanville and Lisa Moore

Update Agenda: No updates

Public Comment: Claire Barnes asked what the board has decided about the Town’s ambulance service. Michael Strait told her they plan to go into executive session at the end of this meeting on this same matter. Claire Barnes, Billie Bone, Hope Powers, Carlene Powers and Kelley Sanville all voiced concerns about availability of an ambulance in town at all times, reliability of service and response time. They all expressed that their service preference would be to stick with Lyndon’s ambulance service instead of going with Barton’s ambulance service. Mike Strait assured them that we will have an ambulance at all times here in town, unless it was out on a call already, in which case we would call for mutual aid. To date, the Town has not made a decision because we don’t have all of the information that we need.

Buildings & Maintenance:

Depot Project: We have two bids on the Railroad Depot Project. One from Kingdom Construction and one from Spates. Kingdom Construction proposed a cost of 8% across the board for both labor and materials. Spates wanted 8% on labor and a 12% mark up on materials. Jonathan O’Keefe made a motion to accept the Kingdom Construction bid. Jim Cross seconds. All in favor.

KAS Plan: KAS was going to do some environmental testing in the basement of the Town Hall that would require drilling a hole in the basement floor. We did not want them to drill a hole in the floor, so they said they will still be able to do the testing by drilling outside of the building.

NEKLS & AA: Now that the lift is fixed, NEKLS is moving upstairs into the old Probate Court Office area. The AA meeting room has had to begin sharing a space with the Recreation Department, so the AA people can now move into the office downstairs that NEKLS was using.

Ray says that he has been busy cleaning up sand.

Roads: Mark said he had to put two loads of stone up on the Head of the Pond Road.

Michael Strait said that he went through two years of Selectboard Meeting Minutes and nowhere did it indicate at any time that the maintenance department was to be moved under the road department. In the past, Ray Fontaine has always reported to the selectboard, not to the road foreman. Therefore, Mike Strait suggested that it stay the same as in past years and there will be no need for Mark Castonguay to supervise Ray. Jonathan O'keefe made a motion for Ray Fontaine to continue reporting to the Selectboard as in the past. Jim Cross seconds. All in favor.

Ambulance Update: To be discussed in executive session.

E911 Coordinator: Jennifer Hanlon has resigned as our E911 Coordinator. Joel Cope posted a notice of vacancy for this position on the Town bulletin boards.

Waste Mgmt: food scraps at the recycle center. Bill Hawkins said that he is still waiting to hear more on this. Tabled until next meeting.

Pay Orders: The board reviewed and approved pay orders.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Jonathan made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Cross seconds. All in favor.

Other business: Claire Barnes thinks we need to have a fence put around the playground of the park and also around the pond in front of Jaime Goulet's.

Hope Powers said that she thinks we need a cop in town at all times because of all of the stealing. Billie Bone thinks that Jeff Noyes should cover more night hours. Frank Maloney asked who determines the time of Jeff Noyes' work hours. Jonathan O'Keefe answered that he is hired for 32 hours a week and he has no set schedule.

At this time Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the Ambulance update. Jim Cross seconded the motion. No decision was finalized during the session.

Adjourned at 7:20 PM