

**SELECTBOARD MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 3, 2018**

**Present:** Michael Strait; Jim Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Jeff Noyes, Rick Hannux, Mark Castonguay, Ray Fontaine, Doug Niles and Lisa Moore

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

**Update Agenda:** Tablet for Mark Castonguay; Furnace for Fire Dept.; Carpet Quotes

**Fire Dept. Furnace:** Rick Hannux said that the fire department furnace is cracked and they need a new one. They will also need a new door to the furnace room. They may need to vent it to allow air to the furnace. Bucky Tardif gave an estimated bid of \$3,798 for the furnace and labor and the door will cost extra. Jonathan made a motion to approve the furnace bid job from Tardif and to replace the door. Jim Cross seconds the motion. All in favor. So carried.

**Road Dept.:** Mike Corda has requested a sign for Woodland Trail. The address is correct according to the E911 system, but it is wrong on Google maps. Mr. Corda's concern is that if there is an emergency, this may cause a problem when trying to find the location. Right now the sign says Fishing Village Road. It was suggested that another smaller sign be added that says "to Woodland Trail". Mark said that he will look into this and get back to Mike Strait on what he thinks should be done.

Mark Castonguay requested a tablet for road department use. Jonathan made a motion to approve the purchase of the tablet and any accessories up to \$600. Jim Cross seconds. All in favor. So carried. Mike will order the tablet.

Mark Castonguay said that the tree on Fitzgerald Avenue has been taken care of.

Mark said that the Pike bid for Dale Avenue will wait until Spring since it is now late in the year and cold weather is setting in.

Mark said that they pulled the beaver dam apart on Meadow Street, but the beaver have already started rebuilding. Randy Hazard, fish & game warden,

informed the town that the selectboard does have a right to shoot the beaver. Jonathan O'Keefe said that he will be the one to go and shoot the beaver.

**Buildings and Maintenance:** Kingdom Construction has been blowing in cellulose and spray foamed the perimeter at the Depot Building. They found that there is still a leak in the attic where it had been leaking before the new roof was put on. They are not sure where it is coming from. They will be coming back to fix it.

Joel Cope has not yet received a quote on how much it will cost to sand the floors at the Depot Building in the space that Mr. Berge requested.

Chuck's Flooring quoted a price on new carpet and installation for Julianne Woolard's office and for the entry room of the Town Hall down stairs. They also provided sample colors for the board to choose from. The board chose a color and Jonathan made a motion to approve the quote from Chuck's flooring. Jim Cross seconds. All in favor.

Michael Strait said that he and Jeanne Gervais have been looking at Christmas decorations for the town. He shared some options and the board decided that the LED lamp light decorations would work best since they can be left up all year long. We can then order new banners that can be attached to them. Jeanne and Michael will continue to work on getting these.

Ray said he put the benches, flower pots and picnic tables away for the winter.

**Recreational Dept.:** Doug Niles asked the board for permission to use money in his budget to attend the 75<sup>th</sup> Conference on Recreation in Fairlee, VT. Registration is \$225 or \$250 plus he will be spending the night since the conference ends late at night and starts early the next morning. Jonathan made a motion to approve Doug's request contingent on the approval of the Recreation Committee. Jim Cross seconds the motion. All in favor.

Doug Niles said that some of the soft ball players are interested in re-doing the infield at the school like they did the ball field this past summer. Michael Strait said that he should find out what the school thinks about this first since it will make the ball field bigger. He also cautioned that if our schools merge it will

belong to the school district that we merge with. The town doesn't own the school property. A new school board could become in charge of it.

Michael Strait said that when the Recreation Department uses the Road Crew or our Maintenance Department, that the cost will have to come out of the recreation budget. This will ensure that the town's people get a clear picture of what each department actually costs. Otherwise it will look like the Road Crew and Maintenance cost more than they really did and the Recreational Department cost less than it really did.

**Steering Committee meeting date:** The selectboard would like to meet with the Steering Committee on November 7<sup>th</sup> at their regular scheduled meeting.

**Fast Squad Update:** A letter concerning the Fast Squad was shared with each board member to take home and read and sign at the next meeting of October 17<sup>th</sup>. It addresses concerns about our fire department coverage in the UTG area that is being covered for emergency service by the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel. Newport Ambulance does not cover this area.

So far, Joel has six people who want to take the class to become a Fast Squad Emergency Responder.

At the last board meeting, Kathy Nelson had expressed that she did not feel that one of the Town's employees used proper conduct in handling a matter in which she was involved. That employee shared with the board what had taken place between them. After hearing both sides of the story, Michael Strait said that he will write a response letter to Kathy Nelson to let her know how the board has decided to handle this matter.

Jeff Noyes said that he spoke with a property owner on Mountain St. about a tire disposal issue. The property owner said that he had allowed someone to put tires on his property temporarily. The person who put the tires there is supposed to be cleaning them up. If he does not follow through, Jeff will start issuing him tickets.

Jeff Noyes reminded the board of the three way stop sign requested by Carmen Murray and discussed the need for one where you come out into traffic from the

Community Bank. The board agreed that it is a good idea to have these signs put up.

Michael Strait reminded Jeff to work on the fireworks ordinance.

**Budget:** The board reviewed the budget.

Rick Hannux spoke about the need to replace emergency receptor equipment on the roof of and in the Town office. They also need to have stronger hand held communication devices that are able to communicate directly with the ambulance. He recently had a situation that he could have saved an ambulance a trip if he could have communicated directly to the ambulance driver.

Michael asked Ray to pick up some signs that have fallen over.

Michael Strait said that he has talked with Charlie Pronto and it looks like they have found a building to use in Morgan to store the ambulance. It has no plumbing or heat at this time, but they would use a port-a-potty and install a pellet stove for the time being.

**Pay Orders:** The board reviewed and signed the pay orders.

**Review Minutes from the Previous Meeting:** Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to accept the previous minutes of September 19<sup>th</sup>. Jim Cross seconds. All in favor.

Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Cross seconds. All in favor.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM**