



Selectmen Meeting 11-25-14

*Approved Minutes*

**Present:** Select board members Charles Moser-Chairman, Bernie O'Grady, Louise Lavoie, Jeannine Phalon – Administrative Assistant, members of the public

**Call to order:** 7:40 PM

Next meeting: December 9, 2014 at 7:30PM to be held at the Town of Mason Town Hall

**Approval of Manifests:**

Noted board of Selectmen signed payroll and accounts payable manifests

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion** by **Charles Moser** to approve November 11, 2014 Selectmen meeting minutes as submitted, **seconded** by **Louise Lavoie** – vote **3-0** in the affirmative

**New Business:**

- Prior to the start of the meeting, the Board of Selectmen signed a document in front of Deb Morrison, Notary of the Public, for the Mason Quarry Conservation easement. **Motion** made by Charlie Moser to ratify the actions of the signing of the conservation easement on the Quarry property donated by the Schwenks. **Seconded** by Bernie O'Grady. Vote **3-0** in the affirmative
- Bill Rendle – Disability Exemption request- Mr. Rendle requested the board to review and place a 2015 warrant article for disability exemption. Charlie Moser read the statute RSA 72:37-b regarding this exemption and discussed possible exemption amounts to be determined by the BOS. The board will consult town counsel for advice on the exemption amounts and will get back to Mr. Rendle.
- Attorney Silas Little representing Mark and Mary McDonald of Old Ashby Rd requested the board to sign the McDonald's building permit request for shed. He then quoted a court case Bartlett vs. the city of Manchester in which it states that the BOA should have considered whether they should not have needed a variance. Attorney Little read Article 4 Subparagraph P in the town of Mason ordinance which states the type of structure the McDonald's are trying to build should be considered in that category. Charlie Moser disagreed and discussed the reasons for the structure to not be allowed falls under the zoning ordinance piece of Village Residential Districts, where an accessory building is an allowed use only within the stated setbacks. Article 5a Subparagraph 5 as a reason to deny permit request due to setbacks. Board members deliberated the context of the ordinance and were in agreement as to the original intent. **Motion** made by **Charlie Moser** to deny request for building permit for McDonald's shed. **Seconded** by **Bernie O'Grady**. Vote **3-0** in the **affirmative**.
- HealthTrust rate renewal letter- **Motion** made by **Charlie Moser** to approve HealthTrust Health Insurance renewal for year 2015 with no change but to explore options in the coming months. **Seconded** by **Bernie O'Grady**. Vote 3-0 in the affirmative.

- Timber Tax Warrants signed for Lots L 4,4-1,6 inclusive along with L 51-1. Charlie Moser recused himself from the signing of tax warrant L 51-1.
- Healthcare committee was established previously but the board decided since the work done in the previous year was still up to date on prices there wasn't a need for a committee and Brenda Wiley will develop an updated list of options for the Select Board to review.
- David and Towle Insurance- Jeannine to call for a rate quote on property liability.
- Personnel Policy to be reviewed by all member of the board.
- All proposed budgets will be reviewed and next BOS work session on Tuesday December 2 at 7:30PM and then will be forwarded to the Financial Advisory Committee
- Bond hearing requirements were discussed.
- Building Inspector position discussed. Louise Lavoie suggested reaching out to see surrounding communities would want to partner with us. Charlie Moser to put together Building Inspector job description for remaining board members to review. Once reviewed, will post on town's website.

**Old Business:**

- Financial Advisory Committee members Bob Larochelle and Paula Babel are complete in their appointments.

**Informational items/Communication:**

- NRPC Broadband flyer for December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Kinder Morgan Communication- Charlie Moser to contact Joel Maiola to discuss a future public meeting date
- DRA- Administrative setup for new property tax rate setting system –contact to be Jeannine
- Water test done at Mann House and Police Station. Discussion on what to do in the future for the Highway Dept. Possibility of a new well.
- Discussed someone to look at the highway barn for possible renovations to include some type of insulation. Might need to have a warrant article for this year.
- Discussed new Highway Dept. policies drafted by Road Agent Gary Lizotte. Jeannine to send out PDF's to all board members for review at next work session December 2, 2014.
- Louise Lavoie brought up how OT and Comp time is to be handled near a holiday, which was brought up to her by Road Agent Gary Lizotte at the prior staff meeting.
- Chief Hutchins presented 2 applications to be signed by the BOS for Highway Safety grants. BOS will review.

**Public Communications:**

- Wolfgang Millbrandt questioned the higher tax being paid by PSNH. This needs to be directed to the assessing department.
- Harry Spear informed the BOS that at the age of 65 seniors are removed from applying for disability benefits with the state. They are then only on Social Security. This is in respect to the conversation earlier on Disability Exemption.
- Pat Letourneau, Treasurer, requested how money could be allocated to the Deputy Treasurer position. BOS suggested Pat to draw up a proposal to present to the board for 2015 budget.

**Non Public:**

None

**Motion** made by **Charles Moser** to adjourn meeting, **seconded** by **Bernie O'Grady**. Vote **3-0** in the affirmative at 9:53PM

Respectively submitted,

Jeannine Phalon

Administrative Assistant