



Selectmen Meeting 01-29-15

Approved Minutes

Present: Select board members Charles Moser-Chairman and Louise Lavoie, Jeannine Phalon – Administrative Assistant, members of the public Absent: Bernie O’Grady, Selectman

Call to order: 7:35 PM

Next meeting: February 10, 2015 at 7:30PM to be held at the Mann House. Budget Hearing to be held at 8 PM

Approval of Manifests:

Noted board of Selectmen signed payroll and accounts payable manifests

Approvals:

- **Motion** by **Charles Moser** to approve January 13, 2015 Selectmen meeting minutes as submitted, **seconded** by **Louise Lavoie** – vote **2-0** in the affirmative
- A letter drafted by Conservation Commission to Lisa M. English, Director of Charitable Trusts Unit, was presented to the Board by Robert Larochelle. **Motion** by **Charles Moser** to join the Conservation Commission in the signing of the letter to the Director of Charitable Trust, Office of Attorney General. **Seconded** by **Louise Lavoie** – vote **2-0** in the affirmative
Charles Moser then signed the letter which was then given to Bob Larochelle to be mailed to the Director along with CC’s listed.
- **Motion** by **Charles Moser** to approve the two Warrant articles to be placed on the Town Warrant:

To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all reasonable and prudent actions to oppose the proposed Northeast Energy Direct high pressure gas pipeline, lateral line, and appurtenances, and all reasonable and prudent actions necessary to mitigate the impact thereof on the land and people of the Town of Mason. Such actions may include but are not limited to participating directly in all Federal and State regulatory processes related to such pipeline project, joining in coalition with the selectmen of other affected New Hampshire towns in opposing or mitigating the effects of the proposed project, and hiring legal professionals and consultants to advise and appear on behalf of the Town of Mason in regulatory and/or judicial proceedings related thereto. This authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the town meeting. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 to be expended at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen in opposition to the proposed Northeast Energy Direct high pressure gas pipeline, lateral line, and appurtenances, and/or to minimize the impact thereof on the land and people of the Town of Mason, including but not limited to expenditures for legal representation and consultants, land use planning and zoning consultation, public information purposes, administrative and court filing fees, participation in multi-town coalitions, and any and all other expenses reasonably related to opposing said pipeline project and/or mitigating the

effects thereof. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32-7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2018. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Seconded by Louise Lavoie. Vote 2-0 in the affirmative

- **Motion by Charles Moser** to authorize Jeannine Phalon as representative for Certification to Protect Information asked of HealthTrust. **Seconded by Louise Lavoie. Vote 2-0 in the affirmative**
- Timber Tax Warrant # 14-293-21 signed
- Timber Tax Intent to Cut #14-293-19 signed with stipulation of payment to be received.

New Business:

- Credit Card policy was reviewed and reaffirmed by both Charles Moser and Louise Lavoie. Both Board members then signed the policy.
- Petitioned Warrant articles were reviewed and a date will be set for possibly February 10, 2015, which is the scheduled Budget hearing. Jeannine to investigate dates needed for posting hearings.
- Reviewed previous years' warrant articles and which are needed on a yearly basis. Decided it was not necessary to have the selling of surplus equipment. Also noted that a TAN article was not necessary as it was voted on in 1994 to be in place until a future meeting would remove it.
- **Motion by Charles Moser** to correct 1-08-15 Work Session minutes to reflect couple of line item changes. **Seconded by Louise Lavoie. Vote 2-0 in the affirmative**
- Discussion on how communication was to be placed on the town website regarding the Pipeline. The Board would like to keep it uniform and to also keep the communication links to and from town boards as posted. They would also want to make sure not to have it be politicized in any way. Could keep links to governmental entities such as NRPC and FERC. They will ask Alanna to have a link to pipeline page along with state representatives on front page.
- Reviewed letter from Attorney Silas Little regarding a previous established escrow account set up for Brooke Leasing and Development. This is referring to Jones Crossing and a performance bond. Jeannine to go through file and gather necessary information to forward to town Attorney William Drescher.
- Approved and signed veteran's tax credit application for Larry Pierce and Charles Courtemarche as recommended by Cheryl Askins, town assessing agent.
- Letter from AECOM requesting information gathering for Tennessee Gas Pipeline was reviewed. The Board asked that the Planning Board no respond until counsel reviews.
- EFAC- Energy Facilities Advisory Committee letter from NRPC is looking for a person to represent each commission's municipality. Jeannine to respond to NRPC stating the Board will not be able to appoint anyone before their next meeting date of February 10, 2015. Jeannine will also ask Alanna to place the letter on the town's website asking for any public interest in serving on this committee. Anyone interested to contact the Selectmen's office to be placed on future agenda

Public Communications:

- Harry Spear asked about how many towns were putting money towards the fight against the pipeline. Charles Moser went to a meeting put together by Tad Putney, Town Administrator for the town of Brookline. It was discussed at that meeting about possible cost sharing with

Greenville and Amherst as well. More talks will continue with town administration in the near future.

Harry also raised questions on Capital Reserve funds and how they need to be allocated. Charles Moser agreed that such funds are used for what they are intended for.

- Barbara Devore asked the Board to look into the Town Hall facility use policy and whether or not private town organizations need to have an insurance rider in order to use it. Jeannine to call the town's property and liability insurance to follow up.

Non Public:

- Charles Moser made a motion to enter into **Non-Public** per RSA 91-1:3, II (e), Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph.

Seconded by Louise Lavoie. Vote 2-0 at 9:43PM

- Re-entered Public session at 9:50PM and then immediately adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Jeannine Phalon

Administrative Assistant