



Selectmen Meeting 9/12/2017

Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Bernie O’Grady, Charles Moser; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley, Dave Morrison, Deb Morrison; members of the public.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Louise at 7:32 PM.

Approvals:

- Noted that Check and Payroll Manifests were signed.
- Minutes of the August 22, 2017 BOS meeting were reviewed. Bernie motioned to accept the minutes as written, Charlie seconds, 3 votes to accept minutes of 8/22/17 as written. Minutes of the August 29, 2017 BOS working meeting will be ready for approval at the next scheduled BOS meeting.
- Review of draft of Auditor’s report was deferred until a printed copy was ready. Upon review of the recommendations letter, it was noted that the 2 primary issues presented- timeliness of deposits and whether the treasurer or her designee keeps the second set of books- were not new, no action needed on the part of the town, and stem from philosophical differences between auditor and town practices. After limited discussion selectmen agreed the report was acceptable without changes, and Brenda will relay that to Auditors who will then prepare their final report.
- New pole agreements with Eversource had been received by the Town Clerk. They would like to install 4 new poles on Pratt Pond Rd. These were reviewed and signed by all selectmen, to be returned to Town Clerk.
- MS – 1 preview was ready for review and signature, having been prepared by assessor Todd Haywood. Signature page was signed by all selectmen after review.
- Appointment papers were ready for four (4) Planning Board members; new chair and vice chair, 2 alternates becoming full members; all are current members of that board. Papers were signed by all selectmen.
- Tax collector’s deed was ready for a property. Selectmen reviewed with tax collector the status of the four properties that had been discussed at their non-public session – one to be deeded, two waived with conditions, and one whose heirs would be re-noticed. Deed was signed by all selectmen, the Tax Collector, and witnessed by notary Kathy Wile.
- An Intent to Cut was presented for signature. Quickly reviewed and signed by all selectmen.

New Business:

- Hearing for Pole License Revision was declared open by Louise at 7:47 PM. In attendance were BOS Chair Louise Lavoie, members Charles Moser and Bernard O’Grady; administrative assistant Kathy Wile, and members of the public. Louise began by explaining that the license revision was an effort to follow changes in RSA 72:23 I(b) to increase tax revenue from utility companies profiting from easements within the Town. A petition to revise the license agreements had been presented by the Assessor Todd Haywood, along with an agreement to be signed by BOS. Hearing was opened to public comment.

A resident asked if this applied to poles on their (private) property – answered that it applies only to municipal property.

Another asked if this would serve to reduce resident's tax bills; answered that all taxpayers contribute to the same bottom line number, so to some extent it would.

There being no other questions or comments, the public discussion portion of the hearing was closed.

Selectman Moser motioned to accept the petition presented by Todd Haywood, second by Selectman O'Grady; three votes to approve the amended agreement of Sept 12, 2017.

Selectman Moser further motioned to authorize Chairperson Lavoie to sign on behalf of the BOS; second by Bernie, unanimous vote to authorize her signature.

Selectman Moser mentioned that utilities should be noticed with a signed copy of the revised license.

After signing, Chairperson Lavoie motioned to close the hearing, second from Selectman Moser, 3 votes to close the hearing at 7:59 PM.

Old Business:

- Fire Chief Fred Greenwood asked to talk about using the “old” HD green building for FD purposes. He would like to ask voters at the March 2018 Town Meeting for approval to use the current FD Building Capital Reserve Fund (\$50,000) to renovate that building as the new addition, no other building would be needed. For this winter, he would like to finish moving the building over to the current FD building, and install overhead doors so it can be used as vehicle parking. Current budget can cover cost of doors. BOS agreed it was best to open that plan up to voters.

Barbara Devore added that a family moving back to Mason had many years of FD and grant writing experience if that would be helpful.

- Highway Dept building update – Steel delivery will be tomorrow (9/13), with the building itself being delivered Th 9/14. Bob and Dave have discussed where everything is going, and Bob will be there to oversee both deliveries.

Louise would like to work out a detailed time line of vendors, payments, etc for best accountability of funds. It was agreed that was a good idea, and that a work meeting strictly for building items would be most productive. The meeting was set for Tuesday, 9/19 at 7 PM. Brenda Wiley, bookkeeper, will be asked to be there as well.

Informational Items/Communication:

- Announcement from DOT that the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) will be holding public hearings to receive input on the state's 10 year transportation Plan. Selectmen agreed that it was not directly relevant to Mason.
- Louise shared that there had been a response via email from a HD abutter regarding the wetlands permit, asking for more information. Selectmen discussed what to include (copy of the application, letter explaining the DES process) in the response, which Louise will send a reply email.

Public Forum:

- TC Deb Morrison said the TC conference had been very informative and helpful. She has been asked to share the information sheet regarding OHRV's developed by Selectman

Moser with other towns. Charlie gave his permission to use his writing, BOS agreed it good to share with other municipalities, and that it should be posted on the Town's website. Deb will get that to the webmaster.

- There is a 42" flat screen available for donation to the Town. It was agreed there would be no place/use for it in the Mann House offices; Kathy will check with the Library staff for interest and let the donor know if there is interest.
- Reported that Harry Spears is home and recovered from his hip injury.
- Road Agent Dave Morrison asked if he has permission to sell the "rollover truck" – BOS gave that permission, as they are authorized to sell surplus equipment. He reported that Ken Spacht can again have someone help with plowing for the winter.
- Louise asked AA Kathy Wile to place an ad for seasonal plow drivers in the Ledger.

Non-Public:

Adjourned:

- Louise motioned to adjourn at 8:58 PM, second from Charlie, unanimous vote to adjourn.

Next meeting will be posted for Sept 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Mann House for work session regarding highway building details.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Sept 26, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant