



Selectmen Meeting 1/16/2018

Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Bernie O'Grady, Charles Moser; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley, Deb Morrison; member of the public Bob Bergeron, joined by Garth Fletcher.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Louise at 7:31 PM.

Approvals:

- Minutes of 12/28/17 were reviewed. Charlie motioned, Louise second, that the minutes of 12/28/17 be accepted as written. Two votes to accept as written. Bernie abstained as he had not attended the meeting.
- Minutes of 1/2/18 Budget Meeting were reviewed. Charlie motioned to accept the minutes as written, acknowledging that the amounts referenced are not final budget numbers and are reference only. Second from Louise, two votes to accept the minutes of 1/2/18 as written with Bernie again abstaining.
- Abatement for an incorrect timber tax bill – housekeeping item, to remove the incorrect bill from the tax records. Correct bill has been generated and paid. This was approved, signed by all three selectmen.
- Land Use Change Tax bill for a property on Campbell Mill Rd was approved, signed by all three selectmen.
- The Equalization Certification was discussed; rate going down reflects increase in sale values. Signed by all three selectmen.
- Administrative Abatement for a property deeded by the Town was reviewed, signed by all three selectmen.
- Intent to Cut Timber for property on Brookline Rd reviewed, in order, and signed by all three selectmen.

New Business:

- Retired employee had requested release of retirement funds. Charlie motioned, second from Bernie, to authorize Louise as chair to sign the request for release of funds.
- Forestry Committee had a potential warrant article Bernie discussed. Selectmen agreed in principle, want investigation into the correct name of the trust fund, and edited some language.
- Veteran Tax Credit Expansion as a potential warrant article – State of NH now allows towns to vote to allow all veterans, regardless of serving in conflict or non-conflict periods, to have their service qualify them for a credit equal to the credit already offered other veterans. Selectmen agreed with the principle, and want to have language include the appropriate RSA.
- Vehicle Registration Fee warrant article – Town Clerk Deb Morrison proposed that the town vote to adopt an additional fee of \$5 per vehicle registration which would go directly to a highway fund for use on highways. Based on numbers of registrations from last year, this would bring in an additional \$12-14,000 for use on roads. Selectmen thought perhaps this,

or something similar, had been done in the past and was unpopular. They thanked her for researching and presenting the idea, but would not recommend it at this time.

- Police Detail Fund – a proposed warrant article to have the income from police details be put into a separate fund and used for payroll and other expenses of the detail, including vehicle maintenance and repair, and toward the purchase of new police vehicles. After discussion, it was edited to include monies in this fund would be used to cover payroll and overhead, and the remaining monies would be used towards purchase of new vehicles.
- Louise asked the board to officially appoint Charlie Moser as the ex-officio member of the Planning Board in Louise' absence due to personal injury. Louise formally motioned Charlie be appointed for the duration of the current hearing 17-01; second from Bernie, three votes to appoint Charlie Moser as ex-officio member to the planning board.
- A letter of understanding from Primex attorney to be signed by board Chair. Charlie motioned for the board to authorize Louise to sign as chair, second from Bernie; three votes to authorize Louise to sign which she did. Address, etc to be filled in later by AA.

Old Business:

- Preliminary report from RPF Environmental indicate high volume of airborne particulates in the Town Office, fungus found in an area of the basement, and areas of (past) water damage which were found to be dry and without visible fungal growth. Full report will be forthcoming, and RPF can send a proposal for a secondary site visit. Selectmen agreed to get the second proposal.
- Budget discussion – Brenda said she still needs the proposed numbers for Legal costs, Wilton recycling center, and ambulance service. Louise will call Atty. Drescher for a baseline recommendation for his time, Charlie will be attending the recycling committee meetings in Wilton next week, and Fire Chief Greenwood is working with Brookline for a final number, but based on call volume in 2017 should be at or below the current number.

Informational Items/Communication:

- Reminder from Dept of Commerce to respond to request to participate in the municipal financial survey was received. Brenda said it is a voluntary participation, would involve at least 12 hours of work, and recommended not to participate. Selectmen agreed, and will not be sending a response.

Public Forum:

- Garth Fletcher brought the topic of perambulation of town boundaries, and a disconnect between the actual boundaries and tax maps. Granite markers in many places are not the actual, legal boundaries but rather are witness monuments, placed near the boundary. It was not clear in conversation when the last perambulation had been; Charlie said it used to be done in conjunction with representatives of the neighboring towns, who walked the boundaries and agreed on accuracy based on “ground truth”, permanent physical landmarks and most recent survey maps. He expected that in current times it could best be done by GPS and surveyors.

Non-Public: none

Adjourned: Motion by Louise, second by Bernie to adjourn the meeting. Three votes to adjourn at 8:51 PM.

Next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7:30 at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant