



Selectmen Meeting 2/27/2018

Approved Minutes

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

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Louise at 7:30 PM.

Approvals:

- Noted that accounts payable and payroll manifests were signed.
- Minutes of 2/13/18 were reviewed. Charlie motioned, second from Bernie, to approve the minutes as written. Three votes to accept as written.
- Appointment papers were signed for election officials, conservation commission, and Forestry Committee.
- An intent to cut has been filed, there was discussion as to whether a bond would be required to cover amount of back taxes. Tax Collector Deb Morrison confirmed that is the procedure. Landowner was present, said he would return the next day with full payment had not realized it had not been paid. Selectmen agreed to sign the intent on the condition of payment received so landowner would not have to wait another meeting cycle to get it cut. Signed intent will be held pending receipt of check.
- Forestry appointment papers from the Fire Department for Fire wardens and deputy wardens were reviewed. They had already been approved by Fire Chief Greenwood, and were signed by Selectmen as well.
- Annual vehicle agreements with Forestry Division for the 2 trucks on loan to Mason were reviewed, signed by selectmen and witnessed by Harry Spear and Kathy Wile.

New Business:

- An additional intent to cut has been filed, for the next timber year. It was agreed to hold the intent until that time. It was further discussed, and agreed, that the Town Forester would be asked to look at other cuts in the same vicinity. Bernie is interested in walking with him.
- Requiring a bond for payment of police details at the Driving Range was discussed with Chief Maxwell. Such bond would be considered insurance, not accepted as pre-payment. Should payment be required by event, period of time? Enforcement of payment could be problematic – Chief Maxwell is looking for clarity about who can do what in case of non-payment. Question was raised if bond requirement could be a condition of the site plan approval.
Decision made to ask Atty. Drescher, town counsel, the questions of adding the condition, wording, what kind of bond to require, and enforcement of the conditions. Charlie will follow up with Atty. Drescher in the morning and bring that to the Planning Board meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening.
- Accountant Brenda Wiley spoke regarding payment for the well for the Highway Department, saying it had been paid out of the general fund and a vote needed to be taken regarding moving monies from either the HD building reserve fund or the HD building bond fund to the general fund to cover that expense. Brief discussion to recall the decision, then

motion by Bernie, second from Charlie to move the amount of \$6980 from the Highway Department Garage Capital Reserve Fund to the general fund to cover the payment for the well. Three votes to move that amount.

- Brenda also discussed the annual application for the TAN, saying she was working on cash flow projections. She said there was more cash on hand this year than last year at this time for a number of reasons, and was not sure a TAN would be required. Selectmen all agreed they would like the town to have a cushion if it were needed. Brenda said the recommended amount would be given by DRA once the application is in, and no interest is charged unless money is taken out. She will continue to work on the application.

Old Business:

- Liz Fletcher, Kathy Chapman and Michelle Scott came to continue conversation about creating a Mason Energy Commission. They brought proposed wording for a charter, as well as proposed members and alternate members.

Louise said she had spoken with NRPC regarding their resources that would be available to the commission – eligibility for the electricity aggregate, which we already belong to, and pipeline related assistance were the only things available due to our membership limits and location.

Selectmen read the proposed charter, discussed full vs alternate membership numbers/names. Charlie questioned if the charter should include an ability to spend money – add “for all purposes under RSA 38d” or an equivalent. The group agreed, and although there is no funding for the commission at present it would allow for that, as well as gifts/donations/grants, for the future. Wording was amended by Liz Fletcher.

Charlie motioned to establish a Mason Energy Commission according to the charter as amended. Second from Bernie, 3 votes to establish the commission.

The commission’s charter will be posted on the website, as well as a call for members.

Openings for members will also be announced at Town Meeting, along with other unfilled positions on various committees.

- BOS office had received a report by telephone from the RPF technician who had done the air quality testing last week. Test results from air and surface samples taken corroborated his theory of mold within the crawlspace above the basement stairs, with some minor remediation to be done in the basement itself. A formal, written report will be forthcoming.

Informational Items/Communication:

- Road Agent Dave Morrison had sent information regarding an optional remote monitoring program offered by John Deere for the backhoe. The first 2 years had been free, and renewal time was here. It was decided to pass on the program, as the \$600 fee was not included in the final budget.
- Eversource sent a mailing saying it was now purchasing electricity from competitive suppliers, and supply cost would be decreasing approximately 30% through June 2018. The Town and School both purchase energy through the NRPC aggregate, and town costs would still be below the new prices from Eversource. No action needed.
- Town reports are due to be delivered by the end of the week.

Public Forum:

A new shed/building on Brookline Rd was questioned – building inspector will be consulted.

Non-Public:

Louise motioned, second from Charlie, to enter non-public session by reason of RSA 91-A:3, II(b), the hiring of any person as a public employee. Roll call vote to enter non-public session at 8:27 PM was unanimous.

Returned to Public session at 8:39 PM. Louise motioned, Bernie seconds, to seal the minutes until the hiring process was completed. Three votes to seal the minutes.

Adjourned: There being no other business Louise motioned, second by Charlie, to adjourn the meeting. Three votes to adjourn at 9:16 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:30 at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant