

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2015 - Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Rheume, Ladd and Brooks: Michael Lynch, Michael Brauer, Jamie Sayen and Suzanne Goulet
Robin started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Lynch asked the Selectmen if they would put up a sign at the bottom of the hill at the town hall restricting parking since he is unable to plow when there is a car parked there. Vicki DeLalla said that it is a handi-cap parking and drop off.

Mike reminded the Selectmen that the Closeout visit for the Bordeau and Christie Roads is January 29th from 1:00 pm.

Mike asked if everyone was going to meet at the Town Hall and go to the roads from there and the Selectmen said yes.

Mike also came to discuss the Warrant Article stating that he would like the money left over in Highways & Bridges at the end of the year in to be put into the Highways & Bridges Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen agreed that it was a good idea but the money left over from the other departments always goes into the Undesignated Fund Balance to defray the cost of taxes. Larry told Mike that he could always put it in a Petitioned Warrant Article. Mike said that he thought the town's people should have a chance to vote on it. Suzanne told Mike that she would need it by tomorrow. Tim said that we could wait for next year since there needs to be a dollar amount. Mike was still concerned and would like the question asked at Town Meeting.

Mike brought up his Contract. Robin said that there is one issue with the right of first refusal. Mike said that it has been in his contract since he started as Road Agent. Mike said that if someone comes to him to do some work, it needs to be written up and if it isn't done within a certain time frame then they can get someone else to do the work. The Selectmen still agreed that there should be some kind of protocol so they will work on it. Mike said that if it is taken out it will change his contract dramatically. Charles Goulet asked Mike if he puts big jobs out for bid and Mike said that he usually can get the work done.

Michael Brauer said that in reference to the Sale of Town Property newspaper ad, it said that "the town has the right to reject any and all bids". Mr. Brauer said that he doesn't think that is correct and it should say "it will be sold to the highest bidder" and that the Selectmen are the Trustees of town property. Mr. Brauer said the he is wondering about the minimum provision - the Selectmen probably should consider in the future. If someone comes in with a \$5.00 bid and it is the only bid can the property go for less than what is owed. Mr. Brauer said that there was a case where a Board accepted that bid to get the property back on the tax roll.

Michael said that Tim made a statement that some people think they are entitled to free money and asked Tim if there was a certain group of people that he was referring to and Tim said "no".

Suzanne asked the Selectmen how many Town Reports we should order this year and they agreed that they should order 300.

Suzanne told the Selectmen that we have until February 3rd for the Warrant Articles and that any Petitioned Articles need to be put in word for word with no approval by DRA.

Suzanne discussed the Police Dept. Warrant Article saying that she doesn't think they can have an all day vote. Suzanne said that the Auditor, Tammy Letson, and DRA have never heard of this being done before. Suzanne proposed to make each option a Warrant Article. Larry said that some people could have a decision made before any discussion. Jamie Sayen said that he would like some discussion about this Warrant Article at the Budget Hearing. This would give you more time to hear from the State. Tim said that he would like it added on to the Budget Hearing Ad that there will be discussion about the PD Warrant Article. Jamie said that he would like to write to the Editor to encourage people to attend the Budget meeting to discuss the Police Dept. There was more discussion about whether to write it as Article 13 with A, B, C or D (or) four separate Articles. Larry said that he doesn't think you can have a Warrant Article with A, B, C or D. Suzanne said that she hasn't heard from DRA yet. Robin said that what is really up in the air is the 1-hour vote or an all day vote. Suzanne asked if this Article should be moved more to the beginning of the meeting and the Selectmen agreed that it should be Article 3 instead of Article 13. Wayne said that have the ballot and if there is more than 1 marked it will be voided. Jamie asked if it could be treated like all other Articles and pause for a 1-hour vote.

Michael Brauer asked the Selectmen if the office paid too much for the new copier purchased. Suzanne said that it is a \$12,000.00 machine and she was able to get it for \$3,400.00. The Selectmen said no.

Mr. Brauer asked Tim if he feels there are Grants that the town is entitled to? Tim said yes.

Vicki said that Suzanne has a copy of the NCC Regional Plan for the Selectmen. The Selectmen thanked Vicki for her contribution.

Tim said that he went to Mary Twofoot's trailer and he said that it appears to be vacant. The Selectmen said to void the payment agreement and it will stay in the town's name.

Tim and Larry said that they would come to sign the Manifest next Monday.

Brooks/Ladd (3/0 approved) a motion to have a Business Meeting next Monday February 4th with no appointments or public input.

[Ladd/Brooks (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and ordered the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34081-34082 in the amount of \$764.80, DD P/R Payments in the amount of \$2,128.58 and A/Payable Checks #34083-334100 in the amount of \$9,567.08 at the Selectmen's Office on 1/20/15 (last week's manifest).

Ladd/Brooks (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34101-34102 in the amount of \$568.64, DD P/R Payments in the amount of \$1,900.71 and A/Payable Checks #34103-34109 in the amount of \$3,625.11 as presented on Agenda.

Documents signed between Meetings: Grant/Prop. Sales Agreement with Angela Kennett.

Signed Agreement Prop. Sales Agreement - Great North Woods Land Co.

Signed Reservation Forms Grange/Linda Lomasney (who would be offering basket making class and offered to pay \$25 for the use of the hall) The Selectmen agreed that it would be great to have a function like this in town.

Signed Abatement for Town Owned Property for \$896.00.

Signed Letter to the Residence for Town Report.

Ladd/Brooks (3/0 approved) motion to approve minutes from January 15, 2015.

Reviewed and selected which option to take with Franchise Agreement prepared by Waystack & Frizzell and the Selectmen decided to send the letter.

Selectmen were informed that the town received their Debit Card today and now a Town Policy needs to be drafted and Suzanne will need to sign the Contract.

Reviewed new rules for MS-9 that will now be required to be sent to the Selectmen.

Reviewed Inventory from Town's PD and informed that the other Town Departments are also in the process of updating their Inventories.

Reviewed Memo from Dawn Frost informing the Selectmen that she will be retraining Nadine Lounsbury as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and when this is completed Nadine will be adding Friday Hours.

Reviewed Regional Plan from NCC.

Wayne Hall came to ask the Selectmen if he could buy a new rechargeable flashlight for the Cruiser which would consist of \$250 for the equipment and \$65 for the installation since it is a safety issue and the Selectmen asked him if he could wait until after Town Meeting. Wayne said yes.

Wayne started giving the statistics of the PD and the Selectmen told Wayne to write it into a report like the other departments. Wayne said that he is still learning.

Brooks/Ladd (3/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Prepared by B. Ladd