

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2015 - Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 p.m.

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

Mike was present for the signing of his contract.

Brooks/Ladd (3/0 approved) motion to sign Michael Lynch's Contract as the Town's Road Agent.

The Contract was signed by the Selectmen and Mike.

Mike also talked to the Selectmen about McDonald's driveway. The town has always maintained it but it is not a town road, it's a driveway. Mike said that he would like to wait until there are at least 3-4 inches before plowing and sanding. Suzanne said that it is written in the Deed to maintain their road because of an agreement they have with the town to use the road on their property to get to the town's water system. Tim asked Suzanne to look into that Deed. Jamie Sayen said that he approved of the way Article 3 (on the Police Department) was written. Jamie asked how the Budget Hearing went and how many people attended. Robin said that there were about 12 people in attendance. Tim said that there were some good questions that were asked. Robin said that there should be some good discussion at Town Meeting.

Larry asked if the voting was going to be after the Article is read? Jamie said that he thought that was how it would work. Suzanne said that it would be a ballot vote and Dawn is creating numerous ballots in case the Article is Amended. Tim said after Article 15 the votes will be counted and the results read. Suzanne reminded everyone that there will only be one mark on each ballot or the ballot will be voided. Ben Blodgett asked if the town was going to sell the Police Cruiser if there is no Town PD? The Selectmen said yes. Jamie said that he thinks someone should have numbers just in case the people decide to sell the Cruiser.

Larry announced that there will be no lunch being served this year.

Suzanne informed the Selectmen that Chester put the "No Trespassing" signs on the Twofoot trailer. Mr. Castaldi who owns the park asked if the town was going to be paying the park rent. The Selectmen said that Mrs. Twofoot's agreement should have included the park rent. The Selectmen also said to put it out to bid and they would like Mr. Castaldi part of this and we are liable for the rent. Tim said to sell ASAP, call Mr. Castaldi and tell him that we know that we are liable and we will include rent in the cost and we will sell with a minimum bid.

Vicki DeLalla said that the Grange went to the Nursing Home in Lancaster and now there's a chance it will be closed to outsiders and was wondering if the Selectmen would allow them to have their meeting at the hall on Feb. 16th and the Selectmen said yes if it is available.

Michael Brauer brought to our attention that the minutes from the last weeks meeting did not convey what he wanted to say. Robin and Tim both said that they remembered him saying it the way it was written.

Michael asked Tim if he thought the town should get these Grants? Michael also asked Tim if whenever the town gets a Grant does he consider that "Free Money"?

Tim told Michael that he has a problem with him and he doesn't appreciate it and you don't need to judge me. Everyone supports the Grants.

Michael asked Tim again about the Baldwin Fund and Tim said that he had someone call him that received money from the Baldwin Fund and they wanted to give it back to the town since they did not need it as much as some others.

Jamie Davis had questions on the PD. Jamie asked about how many calls we responded to in 2014? Suzanne said that Dispatch gives a tally. Robin said in 2014 there were 77 calls. Jamie also asked if there is a fee to the town for the State Police if the town has their own PD? The Selectmen said that there is not charge if the town has their own PD but if there is no PD they charge a fixed rate and their contract says that they have a 4 hours limit. Tim said that Stewartstown gives them \$18,000.00/year and they patrol randomly without any control from the town.

Ben Blodgett asked if tickets are given on Rt. 3 do we get some of that? If tickets are given on town roads do we get any of that? The Selectmen told Ben that the town sees none of that money. Suzanne said that the only time that the town sees money from tickets is when a ticket is given for ATVers.

Jamie asked if the State Police handle any domestic or animal calls and the Selectmen told him that they handle domestic but not civil or animals.

Suzanne said that Wayne will be called first, he is on call 24/7 and if he is going to be away he calls dispatch and lets them know.

Ben said that it needs to be discussed at Town Meeting.

The Selectmen agree that things will be different with the PD from now on. There will be a contract giving them more control over what hours and what days patrols need to be done.

Jamie asked the Selectmen about the Streetlights. The Selectmen said that they are shutting every other one off except for intersections. Jamie asked if there is a cost to have them shut off and the Selectmen said yes there is a fee and we are

just starting to see the savings from having the first ones shut off. Jamie asked if the town could save by going with LED lights and the Selectmen said that they would need to look into it.

Michael Brauer said the meeting about the PD in the Hollow, did the Selectmen ever give Groveton permission to come into Stratford? The Selectmen said that they haven't had to give them permission. They have been coming as Mutual Aid.

Larry said that he would get working on the streetlights.

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

[Ladd/Brooks (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and ordered the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34110-34111 in the amount of \$764.8079 D P/R Payments in the amount of \$2,116.27 and A/P Checks #34112-34120 in the amount of \$7,932.18 in the Selectmen's Office on 2/2/15(last week's manifest).

Ladd/Brooks (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34121 in the amount of \$151.45 and DD P/R Checks in the amount of \$1,479.68 and A/P Checks #34122-34139 in the amount of \$88,129.64 as presented on the Agenda.

Documents signed between Meetings: None.

Signed Contract with POMC.

Signed Change of Address from the First Colebrook Bank.

Signed Credit/Debit Card Policy.

Signed Raffle Permits/Groveton Chem-Free.

Signed Reservation Forms for the Cohos Historical Society.

Ladd/Brooks (3/0 approved) motion to approve minutes from January 29, 2015.

Reviewed important information from NHDES/a new Permitting System.

Reviewed Letter to Old Home Day Committee about not allowing parking in front of the Fire Station. They have been warned before and Chuck said the next time they will be towed. The Selectmen said that they would like them to put up cones which they have done in the past.

Reviewed NCC Ten Year Plan. The Selectmen to put down what we always put down and if the wall near the Fuller Hall falls it falls.

Reviewed information that Rebecca Nadeau will be able to do Town Auditor this year but this will be her last year.

Reviewed bill from Waystack, Frizzell for the Franchise Agreement.

Brooks/Ladd (3/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 4:37 pm.

Prepared by B. Ladd