

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2015 - Fuller Town Hall @ 9:00 a.m.

Selectmen present: Brooks, Ladd and Davis: Ross Stevens, Mike Lynch and Suzanne Goulet

Tim began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ladd/Davis (2/0 approved) motion to nominate Tim Brooks as the new Chairman of the Board.

Ross Stevens from the Upper Connecticut Cooperative Invasive Species Management with an Invasive Plant Species Control Agreement bringing a contract, for landowners to sign, for the spraying of a herbicide to get rid of the Japanese Knotweed near the Hollow Park and the river bank near the Town Garage. Ross said that they have a Grant for one year and are trying to get it for the remaining two years since it takes three treatments to get rid of it. The Selectmen had Ross leave the contract for them to look over, thanked him for coming and they will get in touch with him with their decision.

Mike came to inform the Selectmen that he would be putting the road ban signs on the roads tomorrow and that he will speak to the loggers about only driving on the roads when they are frozen.

Suzanne talked about the Hazard Mitigation Grant and that the Road Agent, PD, Fire Chief, Planning Board, EMD, Chester, Carlton and Selectmen will all need to be in attendance.

Suzanne also said that Charles Goulet couldn't be here but he needs to get the rest of the Knights of Pythias furniture out of the Old Fire Station Building and was wondering if he could store it in the Town Garage (old office building) temporarily. The Selectmen wanted to know what temporarily meant since they would like to stay away from letting people store stuff in that building so the Selectmen said that from May 1st to the end of July only. Suzanne said that there is a hutch that will be coming to the Town Hall for display.

Suzanne spoke to the Selectmen about the Police Dept. and that Wayne was asking how soon they were going to be accepting Applications for the position and the Selectmen said that they have some more research to do and there is no timeline as of yet.

Tim said that he hasn't seen Randy LeClaire yet about the Twofoot Property and he knows that the park owner seems to be interested in the property. The Selectmen would like Claire Schooner to go down and look at it and to report to the Selectmen if she thinks the property is habitable or not and if it is then we need to advertise it.

Tim read a letter to the Editor that he composed for The News and Sentinel, since expressing appreciation, at the end of Town Meeting and there were some people that were omitted.

Larry said that there are two positions available for Planning Board alternates and after next month there will be another position vacant for a full-time member. Larry said that the Selectmen will need to nominate someone for these positions. The Selectmen decided to post these position around the town.

Michael Brauer asked about the Deed Without Covenant that was signed at the last meeting and what property that was referring to and Suzanne told him that it was one of the properties that was sold on Rt. 3 and the buyer was Richard Feltham under his company's name of Great North Woods Land Company, LLC.

Michael Brauer spoke to Tim and said that his wife said that she was speaking with Tim on Town Meeting Day and that Tim asked for their sons addresses. Tim responded that that was not accurate and that he did not ask Michael Brauer's wife for their sons addresses. Michael then pointed to his head and stated, "Knowing the condition of my wife, I am just asking".

Tim, Larry and James 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 #34207-34215 in the amount of \$1,502.91 DD P/R Payments in the amount of \$2,249.50 and A/P Checks #34216-34224 in the amount of \$6,988.73 in the Selectmen's Office on 3/16/15(last week's manifest).

Ladd/Brooks (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34225 to 34226 in the amount of \$497.76 and DD P/R Checks in the amount of \$2,622.99 and A/P Checks #34227-34237 in the amount of \$6,700.27 as presented on the Agenda.

Documents signed between Meetings: Hazard Mitigation Contract and Name Change for First Colebrook Bank to Granite Bank.

Signed Authorization Access/Granite Bank.

Signed Northumberland Ambulance Contract.

Signed Intent to Cut for E. Marceau and Supplemental for Maguire and Boys.

Signed Raffle Permits SPS for DC Trip.

Signed Sansoucy Contract/5 years.

Signed North Country Fire Mutual Aid Agreement.

Signed Disabled Veterans Credit/Charron.

Ladd/Brooks (2/0 approved) motion to approve minutes and non-public minutes from March 10, 2015. James abstained since he was not a Selectmen at that time.

Reviewed letter that was sent to the Old Home Day Committee recently concerning the no parking zone in front of the Fire Station when there is a function going on at Kimball Hall. Chuck called to complain that there was another function at Kimball Hall and people stilled parked in from of the Fire Station. The Selectmen decided to have Chuck call Wayne Hall, OIC, if it happens again and after that cars will be towed.

Reviewed information from Chester on the old vault door at the Old Fire Station Building that Molly Campbell now owns.

Chester told Suzanne that when he went over to remove the door it was found to have asbestos behind it and Molly's Dad, Don Campbell did not want the asbestos disturbed. So the town will no longer be able to have the door for display.

Reviewed the New Equalization Ratio from DRA with the town receiving a 96%.

Reviewed an email forward on the potential new requirement for voting where the Moderator would need to take a picture of anyone without a photo ID.

Reviewed new closing of Christie and Bordeau Rd. Grants on May 14th at 1:30 pm.

Reviewed cost of new pump and work for Water Dept., \$20,000 will need to come from Water PDIP .

Discussed streetlights and James said that he was told that the Town of Bloomfield, Vermont gives the town \$150.00 per light if changed over to LED. The total cost of having a streetlight shut off is \$250.00. James said that he did call

Eversource but has not received a return call. James was given a number to call Eversource that deals with only LED lights.

James said he would like to see all of the Selectmen weigh all options before making a decision.

Brooks/Ladd (3/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 4:20 pm.

Prepared by B. Ladd