Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2015 - Kimball Hall @ 6:00 p.m.

Selectmen present: Ladd, Davis and Macdonald: Other present: Bill Zanes, Sonia Zanes, Chuck Stinson, Sandra Theberge, Wayne Hall, Mario Audit, Charles Goulet, Lorraine Goulet and Suzanne Goulet

Larry started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Suzanne told the Selectmen that Mr. Brauer wanted her to speak to them on his behalf if he could not be present at tonight's meeting. Suzanne told the Selectmen that he thinks that the Tax Deeding Process by Dawn was done incorrectly and that he also thought that the 30 Day Letter is incorrect since it didn't include an offering. Suzanne said that this is the letter that we have used for a long time but she will check with the Town's Attorney when he gets back from vacation.

Suzanne said that Randy Perkins from Eversource will be stopping into the office on Tuesday to go over the proposal for the LED Lighting and then Suzanne will call Rob from Tanko back.

Suzanne brought up the tabled issue on the new law for assessing unregistered trailers (campers). The Selectmen thought maybe the unregistered ones in campgrounds should be then someone brought up the fact that Stratford has some parked on properties as camps. The Selectmen said that they will revisit this issue at a later date since they have until April 1st.

Suzanne asked Jamie if he spoke to Tim about the permission for Selectmen to sell Town Property and Tim told Jamie that he thinks they only have permission to sell Tax Deeded Property.

Suzanne told the Selectmen that Carlton went to the Hollow to check the water shut-off for the Brenda Phillips property and Chuck has checked the water shut-off at the Fire Station and they both reported that the water is shut-off.

Suzanne informed the Selectmen that the McKearney residence on the Bog Rd. has a new set up, had their sewer pumped, and it has been paid for. The Health Officer went to the property to check and they do have a new set up but it requires an alarm which they do not have. Chuck said that they have 2 75-gallon oil tanks and is wondering if they Health Officer should call DES to come check it. Suzanne said that the Health Officer said that it meets state regulations but it needs an alarm. The Selectmen think that Carlton should tell them that they need an alarm and give them a time limit to install one.

Suzanne told the Selectmen that there have been no other bids for the repairs to the Grange Building. Suzanne said that she is still trying to get lower quotes on Modine heaters, etc.

Chuck said that he needs the furnace at the Fire Station cleaned and Suzanne said that she would get that taken care of.

Discussed revisiting the Road Agents Contract and the Selectmen agreed that they would work on it and hold a Work Session on Dec. 7th at the Town Hall at 3:30 pm.

The Selectmen asked about the estimate from Mike for the new parking lot at the Town Hall. The Selectmen would like a new up to date and more itemized estimate. Suzanne said that we are still waiting for the Survey. Jamie had questions about the bank and how that is going to be done. The Selectmen would like to meet with Mike to get some answers.

Wayne Hall introduced Mario Audit to the Selectmen as his newly hired Police Sergeant.

Sandra Theberge asked if the road outside of the hall was a town road and the Selectmen told her that it was a state road. Sandra asked if the state was going to come back and put some dirt on the edge of the road since The Old Home Day Committee had a meal on Saturday and someone tripped and fell over the new pavement. Wayne said that the state is supposed to come and do the shoulder this week. Jamie said that the state is also going to be putting a drain near Kimball Hall but not till next year.

Wayne Hall said that Police Officers are supposed to have an Oath of Office per RSA 105:2. Suzanne said that Dawn has no record of any Oath of Office for any Police Officers. They have only been giving an Oath of Office to the Chief. Suzanne said that they will be given an Oath of Office from this point forward.

Ladd and Macdonald will be in to sign next Monday since Davis will be gone and he will also not be able to attendance the next meeting.

[Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and ordered the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34859-34861 in the amount of $904.55; Fire Payroll #34862-34876 in the amount of $5,236.83; DD P/R Payments in the amount of $2,039.72 and A/P Checks #34877-34904 in the amount of $159,528.49 in the Selectmen's Office on 11/9/15 (last week's manifest).

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34905-34906 in the

amount of $221.63 and DD P/R Checks in the mount of $1,805.30 and A/P Checks #34907-34921 in the amount o $22,699.16 as presented on the Agenda. (Was signed in the afternoon at the office)

Documents signed between Meetings: Horizons Engineering Contract for Survey of Town Hall Property.

Signed Oath of Offices, per RSA 105:2, for Mario Audit and Lloyd Tippitt.

Signed Reservation Form for Grange.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to approve meeting minutes for 11/2/15 and 11/9/15, non-public minutes from 11/2/15 and 11/9/15.

Reviewed 2 Thank You Notes from recipients of the Rollin Baldwin Fund.

Discussed information from NCC inviting Stratford to participate in HHW and list it as a Warrant Article. This would provide Stratford with a Hazardous Waste drop-off station for 1 day for $2,000.00. The Selectmen would like more information. Charles Goulet said that Stratford has never done this before and he does not think it is cost effective. Charles did say that he would check into it and bring more information to the Selectmen. Wayne said that someone has been dumping tires in the turn off in the Hog Back. Mario said that maybe a camera should be installed and Charles said that it should be posted and patrolled.

Reviewed NHMA renewal and rates.

Reviewed request for funds from Northern Human Services for Budget Time.

Reviewed Draft Letter from the Town Attorney and discussed a paragraph that the Selectmen would like removed from the letter. Suzanne said that she would call the Attorney that is taking Attorney Frizzell's place since he is gone this week.

Reviewed the information that Carlton Harris has been re-certified as Wastewater Operator from DES.

Reviewed request from Chem Free for a donation. The Selectmen decided to give them $500.00 since some of the members are from Stratford.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to donate $500.00 to the Chem Free Organization.

Reviewed information on the Bog Road and that it is 3 Rods Wide which is 49.5 Feet Wide.

Reviewed annual Public Service Co. of NH Supreme Court Appeal for an Abatement.

Ladd/Macdondald (3/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Prepared by B. Ladd