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

Selectmen present: Ladd and Macdonald: Other present: Bill Zanes, Wayne Hall, Charles Goulet, Ben Blodgett Mike Lynch, Vicki DeLalla, Carlton Harris and Suzanne Goulet

Larry started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Wayne Hall came to ask the Selectmen if they would approve him attending training by the Police Association for Chiefs which was recommended for New Chiefs.

Ladd/Macdonald (2/0 approved) motion to allow Chief Wayne Hall to attend the Police Association of Chiefs Workshop.

Chief Hall brought the Selectmen a quote that he received for new uniforms. Chief Hall said that they have never had Class A Uniforms. Chief Hall said that he would like regular uniforms, BTU's and Class A's for him and his two Officers and the quote was for $3,130.00. The Selectmen had sticker shock and asked if Chief Hall could get a new quote for all three uniforms for him, and just regular uniforms and BTU's for his Officers. Chief Hall said that he would do that.

Chief Hall spoke to the Selectmen about Bullet Proof Vests. Chief Hall said that the ones that they have were never fitted and they are old and dirty and are not washable. Chief Hall said that he looked into it and that 3 fitted Bullet Proof Vests would cost $650.00 each and they will be thinner, less heavy, provides more coverage with a six year life and are washable. The Town's Insurance Co. highly recommends Bullet Proof Vests.

Macdonald/Ladd (2/0 approved) motions to purchase the three Bullet Proof Vests for the PD.

Chief Hall informed the Selectmen that he took the old Shot Gun that belongs the PD to Ducret's for an estimate on a trade-in and he did trade it in for a new Shot Gun with an additional cost of $120.00. Chief Hall also told the Selectmen that he needed to put the rifle in his name for a background check but provided the Selectmen with disclaimer stating that the Shot Gun was purchased in his name but it is the property of the Town of Stratford's PD.

Chief Hall also spoke to the Selectmen about a stipend (suggested 4 hrs. of pay or a callout whichever is greater) for Police Officers being on-call for major holidays. The Selectmen agreed that there should be some kind of a stipend for major holidays.

Macdonald/Ladd (2/0 approved) motion to pay 4 hrs. or callout whichever is greater for Police Officers on-call for major, town observed, Holidays.

Suzanne presented the Selectmen with the Timeline for the Budget/Town Meeting.

Suzanne told the Selectmen that Randy Perkins from Eversource gave her paperwork for the Incentive and that she has signed them. Randy told Suzanne that Eversource will not be taking the old streetlight fixtures so the town will need to find somewhere else to recycle them. Suzanne requested a new quote from Randy since the old one included the disposal of the old fixtures and he has not gotten back to her and Tanko is getting impatient.

Suzanne said that Chuck Stinson saw water at Kimball Hall going into the Sewer Tank. Chester called Sandra Theberge and was told that a ditch was dug for drainage of ground water to run away from the building. Wayne Hall also said that he was at Kimball Hall the previous weekend and said that it sounded like the toilet kept running.

Suzanne told the Selectmen that she checked into Agera Energy since our contract with them is going to be running out. Suzanne said that she also checked into other companies and she found Mint Energy at a lower rate at a fixed rate for 17 month and signed with them.

Suzanne said that she got legal advice from Town Council about the trailer taken by Tax Deed and that the town can sell it to anyone with interest.

Vicki DeLalla told the Selectmen that the arrangements have been made to have the electricity turned off at the Grange Building and that the Mitten Tree has been set up at the Post Office today with all the donations to be given to the School.

Mike Lynch talked to the Selectmen about the repair on Mason Rd. in front of the Chapman property. Mike said that the water runs down the driveway and into Mason Rd. causing it to wash out. Mike said that this has happened several times and it will happen again. Mike said that he thought that all Stratford Landowners were sent the RSA proving that the landowner is responsible for any damage done to town roads do to incorrect drainage/culverts on the part of the landowner. Mike did mention to the landowner that he may receive a bill from the town. Mike thought that the landowner should be responsible for the bills incurred.

Clayton said that he attended the Community Forrest Conservation Service for Municipalities in Lancaster and said that the town does not have any rights since the state makes all the decisions along with the landowners. Clayton said that Columbia is getting Northern Forrest Center Assistance and that the they will be establishing a Community Forrest which would consist of woodlands owned and managed by the town. The control of Woodlands and Forrest is for the Town's benefit. Stratford has 104 acres of Town Land. Clayton said that town's are buying big lots to protect land and create revenue. Clayton said that the town would need to set up a committee or agency for the Town Project to find out if the town's people are interested in going this route but it is too late for the 2016 Town Meeting. It can certainly be done for the following year. Clayton said that he would like to get the ball rolling and look into Co-Funding landowners interested in selling and look to the future.

Clayton also said that Roasaire Marquis wants to haul gravel from his gravel pit and wants to come down the road through his property which also passes the town's water system which is a protected area. Carlton said that he doesn't want Rosaire to go by the water system and by law, 400 ft. around the water source is a protected area. Carlton said that Rosaire could cost the town hundreds of thousands of dollars. Carlton said that Francis Ruch will not let Rosaire use the road on her property. The Selectmen decided that they should look at the old paperwork to see what kind of legal issues there could possibly be. Clayton said that he would have to recluse himself because he is the landowner. Clayton said that Rosaire wants to start in June. Carlton Harris said that he would like to go on record as saying that this is a bad idea letting Rosaire go near the town's water system. The Selectmen decided to table this discussion until Jamie is present and maybe invite Rosaire to a meeting. The Selectmen would also like to find out if the Gravel Pit is a Permitted Gravel Pit. Carlton said that the town should look into buying this property from Rosaire and make it a Community Forrest.

Carlton said that he did check the water reading at Kimball Hall.

Charles Goulet said that he checked into the NCC issue from the last meeting. Charles said that right now it cost him $600.00, at most, to bring Hazard Materials to the Lancaster Transfer Station. Charles said that he doesn't feel the necessity for Stratford to pay $2,000.00 to have it's own Hazard Material Day.

Ladd and Macdonald will be in to sign next Monday.

[Ladd/Macdonald (2/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and ordered the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34922-34926 in the amount of $1,009.22 DD P/R Payments in the amount of $2,027.50 and A/P Checks #34927-34937 in the amount of $5,440.70 in the Selectmen's Office on 11/23/15 (last week's manifest).

Ladd/Macdonald (2/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34938-34941 in the amount of $987.68 and DD P/R Checks in the mount of $1,961.38 and A/P Checks #34942-34957 in the amount of $20,470.72 as presented on the Agenda. (Was signed in the afternoon at the office)

Documents signed between Meetings: Reservations Form/4-H Advisory Council, Oath of Office/Planning Board/Full-Time Member/Rachel O'meara.

Signed 1 Water Abatement and 1 Sewer Abatement.

Signed Letter requesting money from the Fire Expendable Trust Fund for the purchase of refurbished Air Packs as discussed previously and agreed in the 8/11/15 Minutes.

Ladd/Macdonald (2/0 approved) motion to approve meeting minutes for 11/16/15 with two corrections.

Reviewed 1 Thank You Card from Baldwin Fund Recipient.

Reviewed a copy of the letter sent to 60 Baldwin Street (Brauer) by Town Council.

Reviewed information from PLT Hearing Officer's Order Denial for PLT to offer coverage beyond 6/30/16. Suzanne said that Stratford does not have the kind of insurance that is being denied.

Reviewed invitation to PLT Annual Meeting/Elections for 2016.

Discussed the repairs that Mike needed to make on Mason Rd. in front of the Chapman's Driveway. There is no drainage and it keeps causing Mason Rd. to wash out in that same area. The Selectmen decided that the landowner is responsible and the Selectmen said that they wanted an invoice sent to the landowner for these expenses.

Reviewed Extension Notice for Sewer Disposal System for 483 US Rt. 3.

Reviewed DOE Northern Pass Transmission Line Project Draft EIS Notice of Public Hearing.

Reviewed request from Northwood's Home Health & Hospice and UCVH for donations for Warrant Article.

Reviewed Coos County Budget Meeting and Summary on Dec. 7, 2015.

Reviewed Inspection of Municipally owned Bridges in Stratford, all okay, some culvert work to be done near bridge to Bordeau Rd.

[Break]

Ladd/Macdonald (2 voted yes): motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her,* **unless** *the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted* at 4:55 pm.

Ladd/Macdonald (2/0 voted yes): motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session a 5:28 p.m.

Ladd/Macdonald (2/0 voted yes): motion to seal the minutes.

[Break]

Ladd/Macdondald (2/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Prepared by B. Ladd