Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2016 - Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Ladd, Davis and Macdonald: Others present: Dana Hinkley, Lynette Emerson, Sharon Corbeil, Debbie Bedard, Gary Fournier, Charles Goulet and Suzanne Goulet

Larry started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dana Hinkley came to speak to the Selectmen on behalf of Scott Dillon who owns the Mill on Washburn Rd. about the ERZ Plan that they have through the State. The Selectmen received a form to sign allowing them to keep this ERZ Plan and the Selectmen did not want to sign it without knowing if they were meeting the requirements. Dana told the Selectmen all of the repairs that they have done to some of the buildings, about how the business runs and how they employ people in an as needed basis. Dana said that they like to hire local contractors for the work that needs to be done. Dana also told the Selectmen that the ERZ Plan was first received by WeLog. Clayton said that he doesn't think they meet the requirements and he said that he would call the state to make sure.

Sharon Corbeil came to be appointed as the Trustee of Trust Funds and to take her Oath of Office for that position. After that was taken care of Suzanne asked Sharon about the meetings that the Trustees are supposed to be holding an a regular basis and Sharon said that there is no one interested in attending meetings but we need to find someone for the vacant position and it needs to be someone who will be willing to attend annual meetings. Sharon also talked a little about the Scholarships and how they have been working in the past and how she would like them to work better. Suzanne also talked to Sharon about the Ambulance Capital Reserve that has just over $2 in it. The account was supposed to be closed and Sharon explained that it was dividends that were paid and now that money can be taken out and closed for good.

Lynette Emerson came to the Selectmen's meeting with the maps of the Railroad in Stratford. Lynette showed the Selectmen that she has three maps that includes the Railroad from one end of Stratford to the other end. Lynette said that she would like to donate them to the town since she has no use for them and she knows that they will be helpful to the town to have them. Thank you Lynette!

Gary Fournier came to talk to the Selectmen about the contract and some changes and deletions from the DRA Contract Templet needed to make it work for him and the town. Things were discussed and agreed upon so that the contract can be finalized and signed in the near future.

Suzanne told the Selectmen that Lufkin would like to get working on the Library project as soon as possible. Suzanne said that they would do the work now and they would bill the town later when the revenue starts coming in since they have a big job coming up and if they don't do it now then the town will have to wait.

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion the allow Lufkin to do the work at the Library now and wait to be billed at a later date.

Suzanne told the Selectmen that she spoke with Heidi Lawton about the Grant for the Security Camera for the Town Office Building and it will pay approximately 1/2 of the cost.

Suzanne also talked to the Selectmen about the Grant from USDA for the Pavilion. Suzanne said that the paperwork deadline is April 15th. Suzanne said that she would need a lot of information to finish the paperwork in time. The Selectmen decided that there is not a secure enough plan in place at this time to go ahead with applying for the Grant. So, the Selectmen told Suzanne that it will need to wait until next year.

Suzanne spoke to the Selectmen about putting a Lien on the Chapman property since they have not paid for the repair to Mason Road. The Chapmans were notified that if they did not pay what they owed the town that there would be a Lien placed on their property. The Selectmen said that they have no choice but to go ahead with the Lien.

Suzanne told the Selectmen that we have received the report from DOT that Mike reviews every year.

Suzanne said that Mike was wondering if the survey for the Town Hall/Parking Lot has been received yet since he is going to be starting the project at the school and then would like to get to work on the Town Hall Parking Lot project right after. The Selectmen asked Suzanne to give Horizons a call to see if it is complete yet.

Suzanne informed the Selectmen that the letters have been sent to the landowners that will be effected by the removal of a streetlight.

Suzanne asked who was supposed to contact Mike about the signs on Percy Rd. and they came to the conclusion that no one had taken on that task. Clayton said that he would talk to Mike about the signs.

Suzanne reminded the Selectmen about the Court Hearing on Wednesday concerning the Brauer Case.

Suzanne let the Selectmen know that there are new 911 Forms that will be kept in the office for Flooding, Road Closures, Missing Child, etc. This will allow for the calling of every landline phone in case of an emergency.

Debbie Bedard got up and spoke about the streetlight in front of the trailer that she and her husband live in being removed. Debbie expressed that the light should stay there because it is so close to the river, it is a Dead End and that the snow gets plowed there in the winter. The Selectmen decided that this is another issue that they will talk about at next Monday's meeting.

Larry said that there will need to be a temporary Chairman of the Board while he is our for surgery. Clayton nominated Jamie and that was the end of the conversation. Jamie will be the acting Chairman until Larry gets back. Good Luck, Jamie!

Jamie talked about the Punk Christie Ticket Booth and that there was conversation about it at the Historical Society Meeting. Tim Brooks said that he was going to restore it and there are RR Funds that could be used for that. The Ticket Booth would go next the RR Station. Jamie said that Tim would like to take on this project.

Ladd/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion to let Tim Brooks take on the project of restoring the Punk Christie Ticket Booth to go next to the RR Station but agreed they will want a progress report by the end of July.

Jamie said that Ben Blodgett want to get a Fire Permit for his camp on Mapleton Station Rd. but he was not able to get one since he does not have a 911 address there. Suzanne said that she is the 911 Liaison for the Town of Stratford and she would talk to Ben and get that done.

Jamie spoke to Tanko today and they told him that it would cost the town $330.00 per Streetlight to be moved since there is a lot of electrical work involved. Jamie said that it would cost $2,640.00 to move all of the Streetlights that they had planned on moving. Jamie asked Suzanne where we could get this money. Suzanne said that she would need to get a P&L ready for the Selectmen and they would need to make that decision next Monday at their meeting.

Jamie said that he will get the information to purchase the book "Discovery in the Attic" written about Stratford. Suzanne also asked if the Library should have a copy. Jamie said he would send the information by email and Suzanne said that she would forward the email to the Library so that they can purchase one or more if they wish to.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #35244 in the amount of $166.23 and DD P/R Checks in the amount of $1,557.96 and A/P Checks #35246-35257 in the amount of $3,214.27 as presented on the Agenda.

Signed Ambulance Contract with Northumberland.

Reviewed, approved and Signed the Tan Loan with Granite Bank to be able to meet expenses.

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion to approve meeting minutes for 3/14/16.

Reviewed the two Bids received for the trailer put up for Bid that was taken by Tax Deed.

Macdonald/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to accept the bid by James Elliott for $4,300.00.

Reviewed letter from the Colebrook Dispatch Committee informing the Selectmen that they must respond to this letter. The Selectmen decided to have a meeting again next Monday to discuss this. Bona did respond first time that they left a message on the answering machine to call Rita Hibbard at the Stewartstown Town Clerks Office and give her the information as to who Stratford has for a Dispatch Service. Bona called Rita on two occasions, one to answer the message and the next day to confirm that Stratford's Dispatch Service is with Lancaster. Suzanne also said that it could be Columbia residents calling the Colebrook Dispatch since they have the same 922 exchange and they are thinking it is Stratford Residents. So for them to say that we haven't yet responded to them is incorrect. Suzanne showed the Selectmen the contract that the town has with Lancaster Dispatch.

Reviewed some information received from Chief Hall. The Selectmen decided that they would like Chief Hall to attend next Monday's meeting.

Reviewed information from a landowner in Stratford that received a letter from the town informing him of the removal of the streetlight in front of his property and he called to expressing his opposition to the removal.

Reviewed information from the Division of Fire Safety on the danger of Bounce Houses.

Davis/Ladd (3/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Prepared by B. Ladd