Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2016 - Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Ladd, Davis and Macdonald: Others present: Nicole King, Mike Lynch, Wayne Hall, Charles Goulet and Suzanne Goulet

Larry started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nicole King told the Selectmen that she was in the process of preparing to have the house next to hers on River Street torn down this past weekend and she received a call from Mike Lynch. Nicole said that Mike told her that the road is banned. Nicole said that Mike told her that she should not have the dumpsters on the road and there should not be any heavy trucks on that road. Nicole said that the house was supposed to be all torn down by Wednesday so that she wouldn't have to worry about the added taxes starting Thursday April 1st. The Selectmen said that they would work with Nicole as far as the taxes were concerned. Mike said that the frost is still coming out of the ground. Mike said that they can go on the road if they want to sign something saying that they will be responsible for the damage to the road. Mike said that he would call JK Lynch Disposal who owns the dumpsters. Mike called and they told him that they were okay with waiting with no added charges for Nicole. The Selectmen said that they would have Suzanne compose an agreement to have Clark Jeffers and JK Lynch sign in the morning and they would also like a Certificate of Insurance from both. Nicole went home to call Clark Jeffers and JK Lynch to let them know what was going on.

Mike talked to the Selectmen about the signs that they would like posted at both ends of Percy Road. Mike brought his book of signs and he said that there is no sign that says what they would like it to say but he could order a sign to say anything they want it to say. The Selectmen said that they would like to think about what they would like the sign to say and get back to Mike.

Mike also talked to the Selectmen about the roadside pickup. Mike said that he spoke to Brian Barney and he told Mike that the town would need to "Adopt the Highway" and it would need to be picked up four times a year. Mike gave the Selectmen the phone number for Ben that could get things started.

The Selectmen talked about the streetlight on Bridge Street that received an objection on the removal of that streetlight at the end of the street. Jamie said that there is no benefit to keeping that streetlight in that location. The Selectmen also received an objection for the removal of the streetlight on Farnsworth Rd. Jamie said that the same thing will apply for this streetlight. Suzanne said that Randy Perkins from Eversource called today and that they will put up a personal light and connect it for the landowners at no expense but the landowner would be responsible for the electrical expenses every month. This is an option for the two landowners that do not want the streetlight removed near their residence.

Charles Goulet said that there should probably be a Dead End sign at the end of Bridge Street if the light is removed. The Selectmen agreed and told Mike to ordering the Dead End sign.

Clayton mentioned about cutting back on moving streetlights. Jamie said that if they do that, that would be most of them. Suzanne said that it is hard to find money since we don't usually allow spending money this time of year until the revenue from taxes starts coming in. Suzanne said that there is definitely $1,300.00 of the $2,600.00 for moving the streetlights. Jamie said that we need to look at the P&L as a whole and he feels that it is available. Clayton said that we are putting streetlights where we have never had any but he won't fight over it. Clayton said that they still need to let Tanko know what shape of light they want and also choose from the two color temperatures. Jamie said that he would check into the 3,000 and 4,000 K but there is no difference in wattages.

Davis/Ladd (3/0 approved) motion to go ahead with the streetlight project.

Nicole King came back to the meeting after calling both JK Lynch and Clark Jeffers. Both Clark and JK Lynch said that they were not willing to sign any agreement. Clark also told Nicole that if he wasn't able to do it now it could be another six month before he can get to the job. The Selectmen said that they both have insurance, it is a town road and it is a town restriction. Jamie said that he thinks that they should let them go ahead with the project and the other two Selectmen agreed.

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Kiwanis for a donation for the 6 students going on the Washington DC Trip this year. The Selectmen and Suzanne discussed the situation and agreed to donate $600.00 to the Kiwanis for this years trip.

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion to donate $100.00, per student going on the Washington DC Trip this year,

to the Kiwanis.

The Selectmen talked about the issue with the Colebrook Dispatch. Suzanne composed a letter to send to Alan Coats, who is Chairman of the Dispatch Committee and the Selectmen approved it and signed it to be sent out as soon as possible. The Selectmen asked Chief Hall where the 911 call from Stratford go to. Chief Hall said that all of the 911 calls from Stratford go to Troop F and they transfer the call to the Lancaster Dispatch. The Selectmen said that they would like something posted on the town's website about all residence of Stratford and how if they have an emergency they need to call 911. If they call a Dispatch directly they need to call Lancaster and not Colebrook. The Town of Stratford has a contract with the Lancaster Dispatch. Chief Hall said that any 911 calls can not be refused. Chief Hall said that he will call Troop F, Lancaster and Colebrook and get back to the Selectmen next week.

The Selectmen discussed the ERZ for Scott Dillon. Clayton did call the state and from his discussion with them he said that they do not qualify for the ERZ. Clayton said that they are not adding to their program and that it usually goes to a group of businesses. Clayton thought if they just don't sign the ERZ is the only action that they need to take but they would like Suzanne to contact the state to see if there is anything else required.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #35258-35263 in the amount of $1,875.54 and DD P/R Checks in the amount of $2,660.87 and A/P Checks #35264-35270 in the amount of $1,158.43 as presented on the Agenda.

Signed Exemption form for Cohos Historical Society.

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion to approve meeting minutes for 3/21/16 with one correction.

[Break

Davis/Ladd (3 voted yes): motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person,* ***other than a member of this board,*** *unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* at 4:59 pm.

[Break]

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 voted yes): motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session at 5:22 p.m.

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 voted yes): motion to seal the minutes.

Macdonald/Ladd (3/0 approved) motion to give Chief Wayne Hall a 3 month verbal warning due to absenteeism.

Chief Hall told the Selectmen that he is going to be putting an ad for a Police Officer in the paper but he has checked with the surrounding towns and they are all paying $16.00/hr for a Part Time Police Officer. Chief Hall said that he the Selectmen will probably need to think about raising the pay. Wayne would like to talk about this next week when he has the budget with him.

Chief Hall also talked to the Selectmen about trading in his firearms and getting only 3 new ones with holsters. Clayton said that it won't hurt to get the numbers.

Chief Hall said that he will probably be working over his 20 hr. per week limit since he has administrative work that needs to get done. Chief Hall said that he will be at next week's meeting.

The Selectmen did let Chief Hall know that Ron Connary called and said that someone has been driving into the Center Cemetery and making ruts. Ron said that he would like Chief Hall to watch for this. Ron also said that he didn't know if the Selectmen wanted to put up chains and lock and the Selectmen said that they would try having patrols for now and go from there.

Davis/Ladd (3/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Prepared by B. Ladd