

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2018
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Davis, Macdonald and Goulet **Others present:** Thomas Whelan, David Fuller, Josiah Barnes, Brian Homer, Mike Lynch, Chester Smart, Carlton Harris, Chuck Stinson, Ron Connary, Rose Connary, Dawn Hall, Chris Caron, Rachel O'Meara and Suzanne Goulet.

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm by Chairman Jamie Davis.

The Board discussed Conflict of Interest in interviewing and the Board decided that Charles should be included in the interview process since he is the Manager of Recycle and that he will be the one to make the final decision on who to hire.

APPOINTMENTS:

[Break]

Davis/Macdonald (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 3:24 pm.

[Break]

Davis/Goulet (3/0 approved) motion to return to public at 3:35 pm.

The Board conducted budget preparation meetings with all of the department heads today.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Budget with Josiah Barnes-Clayton abstained since his wife Kitty is the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Suzanne addressed the Board reminding them that Mike said he will not be doing the Spring Cleanup and that the Board needs to find someone else.

Suzanne addressed the Board about trees that were a problem during the last big snow storm on Mason Rd. and Pleasant Valley Rd. and that Mike did not want to take care of either one. The Board decided to monitor them for now.

Suzanne addressed the Board about the upcoming holidays, days off and meeting times. The Board decided to meet Dec. 17th at 6:00 pm and Dec. 26th at 3:30 pm. with no meeting the week of New Years.

Suzanne addressed the Board about an invoice from C&R Builders in the amount of \$5,700 for cardboard storage at the Transfer Station. The Board decided to revisit at next Monday's Meeting.

Sewer Department Budget with Chester Smart.

Library Budget with Dawn Hall.

Recycle Budget with Charles Goulet.

Suzanne addressed the Board about the Warrant Article from Library Hall, LLC. The Board decided to discuss it again at next Monday's Meeting.

Conservation Commission Budget with Chris Caron.

Planning Board Budget with Rachel O'Meara. (Clayton abstained)

Cemetery Budget with Ron Connary.

Suzanne address the Board with the offer that FiberCast has proposed. Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion to accept the offer from FiberCast and to also pass it on to the Library and the Fire Department.

The Board discussed the retirement of James Chappell from the Transfer Station.

The Board discussed the Light that was not working outside the Train Station.

Water/Health Departments Budgets with Carlton Harris.

Fire Department Budget with Chuck Stinson.

The Board discussed how successful the Christmas on the Common was.

The Board discussed the Hollow Tree and that the lights are on and ready to go.

Singed the Manifest: Davis/Goulet (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #38061-38064 in the amount of \$224.40 and DD P/R Checks in the amount of \$3,194.24 and A/P Checks #38065-38082 in the amount of \$22,755.53 as presented on the Agenda for 12/3/18.

Davis/Goulet (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #38084-38087 in the amount of \$270.35 and DD P/R Checks in the amount of \$2,094.15 and A/P Checks #38088-38108 in the amount of \$389,533.07 as presented on the Agenda.

Signed Documents: *Between meetings:* Intent to Cut/R. Grandmaison *Today's Meeting:* Permits; Raffle (2), Letters; DOT, Municipal Work Zone-Goulet/Macdonald (2/0 approved) motion to allow Jamie to sign as Chairman of the Board.

Old Business: None

Approved Minutes: Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion to approve the minutes for Selectmen's Meeting Minutes and Non-Public Minutes for 12/3.

New Business: Reviewed Petitioned Warrant Article to Abolish the Town of Stratford's Planning Board with at least 40 signatures of Registered Voters required. Josiah told the Board that there were 9 signatures that were disqualified because they were not registered voters with 59 signatures in all.

Reviewed Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources, DT&C-FairPoint Tax Litigation, Coos County Budget Meeting Dec. 15th and Japanese Knotweed Management Practices, Thank You Notes-Senior Meals, St. Paul's/Backpack, Colebrook Food Pantry and Baldwin Fund Recipients (2).

Minutes from Other Departments: None

Reminders: 250th Committee Meeting 4/8/19.

Public Input: None

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[Break]

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion to return to public at 6:34 pm.

Mike Lynch was present at the request of the Board to discuss an invoice including contract work that was done without consulting Mike first. After some discussion the Board asked Mike if they still need to pay the invoice and Mike told the Board to put the money involved into purchasing a star for the Christmas Tree in the Common.

The Board discussed the interviews for the Recycle Attendant and Charles decided to hire Brian Homer for the position.

Davis/Goulet (3/0 approved) motion to adjourn meeting at 6:52 pm.

Prepared by B. Ladd