

TOWN OF RICHMOND
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Office of Selectmen



Jan. 3, 2017 Meeting

Selectmen present: Christin Daugherty, Kathryn McWhirk and Carol Jameson

Absent:

Meeting opened at 9:00am

*****Administrators Report**

Budgets for Executive, General Government, Welfare and Legal will be prepared for the 1/10/17 Work Session, as well as a condensed report of all budget requests and ETF additions for 2017.

*****Approve Manifest**

Jameson moved; Daugherty 2nd; the Board voted to approve the manifest dated Jan. 2, 2017 for week of Dec. 27, 2016 – Jan. 2, 2017 in the amount of \$8,218.47 for accounts payable/payroll.

*****Selectmen**

Daugherty moved; Jameson 2nd; the Board voted to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2017 meeting.

McWhirk moved; Jameson 2nd; the Board voted to approve the Intent to Cut/Supplement for M407 L016.

State of NH – Notice reference ownership of the real estate – reviewed.

Daugherty moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to adjourn and reconvene at 10:30am.

Adjourned at 9:28am.

Board members reconvened at 10:20am.

Public Appointments

Mark Stetson & Jon Rice/Avitar and Sam Greene & Chris Fowler/DRA met with the Board, reference 2017 revaluation and changes to some statutes that Board should be aware of.

Town is considering the adoption of new RSA 72:28 V; to include honorably discharged military who served 90 days active duty; includes any conflict not currently covered in statute. To adopt it must be at Town Meeting-Warrant Article.

Avitar recommending abolishing current solar energy exemption (1980) – the Towns provision was adopted as “exemption shall be in the amount of the total cost of such system”. Recommend in 2017 adopt new exemption the read “total assessed value”. Reason being newer systems will cost significantly less than systems installed years ago and with recommended process all systems will be *assessed* on the same basis (this is power to the property). 2017 Avitar will start assessing value to the system where they have not in the past.

Discussed change to RSA 674:39a Voluntary Merger, added (II) which requires mortgage holders to sign off on the merger. Planning Board needs to be made aware.

Purpose of revaluation is to bring all property’s assessed value to 100% fair market value. Start date of revaluation process is 1/3/17 and completion date will be 10/1/17. Date range for sales analysis will be from 4/1/15 forward.

Sam Greene summarized DRAs part in the revaluation and what the office staff can expect over the next year.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm