

TOWN OF RICHMOND
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Office of Selectmen



DATE: December 9, 2013 Time: 7:00 PM
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Attending: Sandra Gillis, Carol Jameson, and Debie Boncal

Appointments:

Steve Boscarino/Tax Collector met with the Board. Discussed two abatements for Town owned properties. He also discussed eight abatement refunds, these are necessary because owners paid taxes on first issue bill but assessment changed between first billing and second billing.

Gillis moved; Jameson 2nd; the Board voted to approve abatements for the following properties: M202 L027-031 in the amount of \$63.00; M202 L027-04 in the amount of \$18.00; M202 L027-18 in the amount of \$33.00; Fairpoint Communications Inc. in the amount of \$560.00; M409 L027 in the amount of \$344.00; M409 L021 in the amount of \$376.00; M202 L027-15 in the amount of \$35.00; M409 L032 in the amount of \$38.00; M201 L009 in the amount of \$49.00 (abatement only; no refund).

Meeting:

Mail opened and reviewed.

The Board reviewed figures for the proposed 2014 Selectmen's budget.

The Board discussed the TAN with Savings Bank of Walpole. Gillis discussed the general fund balance and still needing to make payroll, bills and school payments. The short fall in the general fund is due in part to the delay of setting the tax rate due to the court filing by the town of Troy against the Department of Education.

Gillis moved; Boncal 2nd; the Board voted to approve and sign a Tax Anticipation Note with the Savings Bank of Walpole in the amount of \$320,752.00 with an interest rate of 1.40% , repayable by March 9, 2014.

Boncal moved; Gillis 2nd; the Board voted to sign the manifest dated 12/09/2013 in the amount of \$135,181.93

Jameson moved; Boncal 2nd; the Board voted to not join the Town of Troy petition against the School District. The Board noted receiving a letter from the lawyer representing Troy in their petition for declaratory judgment for the change the MRSD apportionment formula. The School

District is inviting the towns that are potentially affected to join the petition. After discussion the Board voted to not join into the petition because of the legal fees. Judgment will likely affect all Towns regardless of whether they join the legal action or not.

Boncal moved; Jameson 2nd; the Board voted to transfer funds from the Trust Funds to General Fund:

\$743.69 from the Trust Fund known as Energy Retrofits of Town Buildings

\$64,065.40 from the Trust known as the Fire Truck Fund

\$12,927.00 from the Trust known as the Municipal Building Fund

\$11,755.00 from the Trust known as the Municipal Building Fund

\$4,098.00 from the Trust known as the Municipal Building Fund

Wood to distribute necessary paperwork to the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Boncal moved; Gillis 2nd; the Board voted to transfer funds from the General Fund into the following Trusts, as voted at the 2013 Town Meeting:

Article 35: \$33,000.00 Road Maintenance and Recon. Fund

Article 36: \$20,000.00 Municipal Building Maintenance Fund

Article 37: \$15,000.00 Municipal Building Repair and Reno

Article 38: \$40,000.00 Bridge Improvement Fund

Article 39: \$15,000.00 Energy Retrofits of Town Buildings

Article 44: \$500.00 Property Reval. Fund. This is \$10,000 less than voted on but is to correct an in-action of 2012 to use \$10,000 from the trust fund for payment of the revaluation.

Article 45: The authorization to raise and appropriate \$2000.00 for the Boundary Line Perambulation Fund was exercised by paying \$2189.00 for the perambulation rather than putting the money into the Trust Fund.

Article 46: \$20,000.00 Fire Truck Fund

Article 47: \$8,000.00 Fire Dept. Equip. Fund

Article 48: \$8,000.00 into a new Trust known as the Rescue Squad Equip. Fund. The Trustees of the Trust Funds will create this new Trust as voted in 2013.

Gillis moved; Boncal 2nd; the Board voted to accept the resignation of Ed Atkins as the interim Emergency Management Director. The Board thanks him for his service.

Jameson moved; Gillis 2nd; the Board voted to regretfully accept the resignation of Pam Goodell as Deputy Town Clerk, effective Dec. 31, 2013. The Board thanks her for her many years of dedicated service and wishes her well in her retirement.

The Board discussed the dates for Public Hearing about the 2014 budget.

The Board discussed the current BTLA appeal.

There being no further business the Board voted to adjourn 8:55pm