

TOWN OF RICHMOND
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Office of Selectmen



January 11, 2016 Meeting

Selectmen present: Carol Jameson, Kathryn McWhirk and Christin Daugherty

Meeting opened at 5:30pm

*****Administrators Report**

Wood to send letter to owner of M405 L081 reference past due taxes. The owner merged two lots and to have the work completed in the assessing system the taxes need to be paid on both lots.

Mark Gilmore from Vermont Yankee called again about the Town taking over the siren on Whipple Hill Road. Wood to follow-up with Chief Atkins.

The creation of Police Advisory Board, created in Article 45 in 1972 was discussed. The Advisory Board was voted as a 3 member Board and it has had only one member for several years. The BOS needs to discuss whether to dissolve the Advisory Board or appoint 2 additional members.

We have received several complaints from elected officials and department heads about the condition of the Vets Hall bulletin board. Replace now, wait until after the building is painted or remove the board all together (and use the library as a posting place).

*****Approve Manifest**

McWhirk moved; Daugherty 2nd; the Board voted to approve the manifest for week of Jan. 5, 2016 – Jan. 11, 2016 in the amount of: \$4,456.07 for accounts payable/payroll

*****Selectmen**

The Board discussed having an “acting chair” in the absence of the current chair. K. McWhirk will act as the Chairman of the Board while Jameson is away.

The Board discussed and reviewed the proposed 2016 operating budget(s) and warrant articles.

Email from Town Clerk, reference appointments expiring in 2016 – reviewed.

Email from Conservation Commission, reference their letter to NH Association of Conservation Commissions- reviewed.

Extension for Listing Agent for “little red house” reviewed. Jameson moved; Daugherty 2nd; the Board voted to extend the sales contact with Shamrock Realty for 6 months.

Letter entitled *Interim Inspection of Municipally Owned Bridge* from NH DOT – reviewed.

NHPDIP Summary Statements for ETF – reviewed.

Bid from Keene Gas for propane service through 1/31/17 – reviewed. Keene Gas is the only bid received to date. The Town currently uses Suburban Propane.

Invitation from Fitzwilliam to the Southern NH Regional Pipeline Meeting, Sat. Jan 16, 2016 from 9a-1p - reviewed. Jameson will be out of town and unable to attend.

McWhirk moved; Jameson 2nd; the Board approved the Intent to Cut for M412 L045 and L057.

McWhirk moved; Daugherty 2nd; the Board voted to approve the Building Permit application for M201 L028.

Per RSA 231:158 the Board voted to have Eversource remove a tree from Taylor Hill Road. The tree has been deemed dangerous and emergency removal is necessary and could not “wait” for the scenic road process to take place. The Road Agent examined the tree and agreed with the arborist from Eversource that the tree needs to be removed asap.

Public Appointments

Ben Tilton met with the Board, reference update information on the activity in Concord. He is replacing the book that he keeps at the Town hall for public reference.

James Carnie met with the Board, reference MRSD budget. He wanted the Board to be aware that he may be opposing the Teachers Contract. The current proposal is the district will pay 95% of the cost for health insurance and the individual will pay 5% and that \$510,000 from the payment pool created under the prior contract will be carried forward rather than returned to the tax payers. Carnie hopes that whatever can be done in Richmond to stop this is done. The Deliberative Session is scheduled for Saturday, February 6th at 10:00am (High School auditorium).

John Boccalini met with the Board, reference describing the video he is creating. It will be a split screen video showing how it was and the upgrade that was just concluded. Wanted the Board to consider uploading to the website.

In addition, Boccalini updated the Board on the activity of the Pipeline Coalition meeting.

Ed Atkins met with the Board, reference the demolition of the final building on the 4 Corners lot.

Additions to ETF was also discussed; replace furnace and lighting in Fire Station (proposed for 2017).

Chief Atkins advised the Board on calls. There were 122 in 2014 (which was all time high) to 138 in 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm