

TOWN OF RICHMOND
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Office of Selectmen



Nov. 28, 2016 Meeting

Selectmen present: Christin Daugherty and Carol Jameson
Absent: Kathryn McWhirk

Meeting opened at 5:30pm

*****Administrators Report**

Wood reviewed holiday schedule with Board and posting meeting schedule.

*****Approve Manifest**

Jameson moved; Daugherty 2nd; the Board voted to approve the manifest dated Nov. 28, 2016 for week of Nov. 22, 2016 – Nov. 28, 2016, in the amount of \$111,204.26 for accounts payable/payroll. This includes payment to Savings Bank of Walpole for loan payments on “little red house” and Fay Martin Rd upgrade in the amount of \$92,407.15.

*****Selectmen**

Jameson moved; Daugherty 2nd; the Board voted to approve the minutes from the 11/22/16 meeting.

Paperwork from realtor, reference potential sale of “little red house” – reviewed and signed.

TAN paperwork for County Tax from Savings Bank of Walpole – reviewed and executed.

Information packet from DES, reference Former Richmond Four Corner Store – DES Site #199206008 – reviewed and executed.

Daugherty moved; Jameson 2nd; the Board voted to approve the appointment of John Janicki as Emergency Management Director. Term to expire March 2019.

The Board discussed presenting the Warrant with fewer articles; grouping departments as DRA does, by account number i.e. “General Government would include Executive, Elections Registration and Vitals, Financial Admin, Reval of Property, Legal, Planning and Zoning, General Government, Cemeteries, Insurance and other general government; Public Safety would include Police, Ambulance, Fire and Emergency Mgt., etc. Pre-Warrant would still review each

budget individually but warrant would group together to be consistent with DRA financial reporting.

Also discussed were the Veteran's credit and Elderly exemption requirements. Board reviewed and discussed proposing warrant articles to change the amounts and/or qualifications. Veteran's tax credit: Board has had inquiries about the amount of credit residents currently receive. Board may propose raising credit from \$100 to \$200 per year. Change would go into effect 4/1/17 if approved at Town Meeting. In addition to increasing amount of credit the Board is proposing a Warrant Article to adopt RSA 72:28-b which includes new language for 2016; basically states "any other war or armed conflict that has occurred since May 8, 1975". This would extend credit to veterans of recent wars/conflicts

Elderly Tax Exemption: Board has researched income requirements for eligibility in Richmond that were adopted in 1983 and they are far lower than amounts in neighboring towns. Board may propose to increase the annual income amounts to \$20,000 single (currently \$13,700) and \$24,000 married (currently \$20,400). Income must be below these amounts in order for an elderly taxpayer to be eligible for the exemption. If warrant article passes at Town Meeting the new figures would take effect 4/1/17.

Message conveyed through Administrative Assistant reference a resident from Fish Hatchery Road came in to inform the Board that Fish Hatchery Road is "full of pot holes and dips" and feels something needs to be done about it – reviewed.

Notice of training/webinar, *Successful Transition: Managing Through Times of Change* – reviewed.

Presentation of 2017 budget request:

Fire Department

Approved 2016 budget = \$52,200.00

Requested 2017 budget = \$53,100.00

Agricultural Commission

Approved 2016 budget = \$500.00

Requested 2017 budget = \$500.00

Wood to follow up with Chair to confirm requested amount

Parks and Recreation

Approved 2016 budget = \$6,550.00

Requested 2017 budget = \$6,500.00

Wood to reschedule

Heritage Commission

Approved 2016 budget = \$1000.00

Requested 2017 budget = \$

Jameson to confirm requested amount

Public Appointments

Barry Faulkner met with the Board reference introducing himself as the new State Rep. Faulkner wanted to make it clear he is open to communication between himself and local officials.

Chip Adams met with the Board reference letter received from Board of Selectmen. Adams hopes to have property referenced cleaned up by the end of December.

Jeff Taylor met with the Board reference his tax bill. It was recommended to Taylor to file an abatement application.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm