



Select Board Minutes  
Tuesday, December 18, 2018

Attendance: Larry Dyer Jr., Gloria Dyer

Absent: Jeff

- 6:00 - Call to Order by Chair, Shelly Gobeille
- Open meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
- Sign A/P and payroll warrant
- Sign previous meeting minutes

NEW BUSINESS

- Board discussed setting a date for the Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Inventory section that will be voted on by secret ballot at the March 9<sup>th</sup> voting. Shelly explained the public hearing needs to take place a minimum of 10 days prior to the vote. She explained that anything that will be voted on by secret ballot must be given to the Clerk and/or approved by the BOS no later than January 8<sup>th</sup>. Board would like to indicate a snow date on the ad so we will not run into timing issues. Date tentatively set for the 26<sup>th</sup> with a snow date of the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Bruce Colwell asked Nichole to check with the Board to see if they would be willing to donate the use of the Town Hall for a New Year's Eve dance to benefit the Wakefield Food Pantry. Shelly made a motion to waive the hall rental fee. Jim seconded. Discussion: Bruce would reimburse the town for the ads, insurance and BYOB permit fees. Vote unanimous; 2 in favor.
- Discussion on locking in with an electrical supplier for a fixed rate with CMP rates set to increase. Agera energy supplied the town with rates for 1, 2 and 3 years. 1 year 0.09178, 2 years 0.08779, 3 years 0.08560. CMP rate for 2019 is a variable 0.090029. Shelly indicated that she liked the 3 year option with Jim leaning more towards two years- just in case rates go down. Shelly made a motion to accept the two year lock in rate of 0.08779. Jim seconded. No discussion. Vote unanimous-2 in favor.
- Nichole received a call from Chuck indicating that compactor #1 is leaking ATF fluid. Nichole contacted Atlantic Recycling for service and met them there for diagnosis. The cylinder ram is leaking and will need to be repaired or replaced. Atlantic should be getting back to us with a price. Nit was explained to Nichole by the technician that the rams should be stored in and not out when not in operation on days closed.
- Received a memo from the Fire Department. They held their annual meeting and voting of officers and supplied us with a list. Dave Neville as he indicated in a past meeting- will be retiring as Chief.  
Chief- Jason Neville  
Assistant Chief- William (Billy Neville)  
C3-Chris Taylor  
C4-Nick Santangelo  
C5-Jack Brogan  
L1-Jeremy Burbank  
L2- Calvert Bond

Jason will stop by the office to be sworn in by Justine.

- Received email from property owner on Balch Lake regarding the Balch Lake Marina Planning Board public hearing. Nichole and Shelly spoke with Gloria when the letter was received and it seems that the process was unknown to the individual. Nichole to email back.
- Planning Board supplied a draft of their budget that was discussed at their last meeting.

- The Food Sovereignty Ordinance is currently being worked on by the Planning Board and public hearings are still being held. Due to timing and not having everything completed by January 8<sup>th</sup> this item will be voted on as a warrant article at the town meeting and not a secret ballot vote. Planning Board is holding public hearing on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Nichole to send ordinance draft to attorney for review.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Continued discussion on lease of new photo copier. Jim explained that he had calculated the cost incorrectly and now feels comfortable with the new lease. Shelly made a motion to accept the new lease. Jim seconded. No discussion. Vote unanimous, 2 in favor.
- Transfer Station security cameras. Shelly has spoken to a resident in town that specializes in security cameras. He indicated that with a wireless system we would end up spending a lot of money on batteries. He has also expressed that without a wireless system installing 12 cameras where we want them would be difficult. Shelly will look at getting a quote from this individual.
- Continued discussion from last meeting on Justine's memo for election salaries, booth, and office closure. Shelly explained that the salary increases put us more in line with the "going rate". The extra booths are necessary due to the increase in voter turnout and more time is needed to vote due to ranked choice voting. Closing the office will allow for Nichole and the deputy to work the polls thus saving money on ballot clerks. Shelly made a motion to accept all recommendations made by Justine. Jim seconded. Vote unanimous, all in favor.
- Nichole provided the new heating assistance policy that was decided on at the previous meeting to the Board. Board reviewed. Income guidelines stayed the same. Verbiage was added to ensure that applicant is a Newfield resident (definition provided) for a minimum of 3 months. Also added that the Selectmen have the final decision. Shelly made a motion to accept the new guidelines as written. Jim seconded. Vote unanimous- 2 in favor.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Shelly received a citizen's request for a street light at the end of Spring Road where it intersects Elm Street. Citizen explained that there used to be a light but it seems Willowbrook owned it..? Nichole to look into whether we own a light there and maybe it is just not working.
- Discussion on Spirit of America Award. Hilary Wallis and Martha Morrison were mentioned.
- Board discussed dedication of Town Report. Shelly mentioned Beverly Manning. Board asked that Nichole get a listing of the deaths this past year.
- Salt and Sand Building update. The land that the salt and sand pile currently sits on has changed hands. The land used to be owned by Dave tarbox and his sister Linda Gagnon and deceased sister Patricia Libby. Dave has given his interest to his 4 children and Linda has given her interest to her child. Board would like to reach out to Peter Coughlin about starting the process and getting a price/engineer.
- Jim mentioned that he would like to see the numerous cobwebs at the Town Hall taken care of and a major cleaning done. Shelly to ask Peter.

Meeting adjourns 7:18 pm

  
Shelly Gobeille

  
Jeffrey Cuevas

  
James McLaughlin