



Select Board Minutes
Monday, February 11, 2019

Attendance: Peter Washington, George Wood, Michael Bryant, Gloria Dyer

- 6:00 - Call to Order by Chair, Shelly Gobeille
- Open meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

NEW BUSINESS

- **Plowing Complaint: George Wood**
George explained that the culvert that runs under the road (Elm Street) is owned by the Town. He explained that he has read through the plowing contract which does not mentioned anything about culverts. The maintenance obligation for this culvert is the Town's and not his to keep it clean and save the road and prevent pot holes. Shelly indicated that she has spoken to Casey and in the spring his plan is to take up the culvert and repave that section of Elm Street-so the problem should be resolved. Jim explained that Elm Street does not contain ditches on the side of the road. George understood and is optimistic that the repairs in the spring will fix this problem.
- The septic at the public safety building froze and came up in all the drains. Jason opened septic cover to find that it was filled to the top, septic was last pumped in May 2018. It was found that the leach field is not working and is frozen. With the septic not leaching into the leaching fields the tank became full and once it reached over the pipe coming from the building it back fed into the building. Had company blast pipes clear and we will need to make sure tank isn't filling up past the pipe. The hope is that the leaching field will thaw. The area out back of the PSB will need to have fill added to provide insulation-hoping to use some fill from Casey on sides of roads (ditching material). Jason and fire department have cleaned and are working hard to stay on top of this problem. Hay and Styrofoam have been added on top of tank for extra insulation. Jeff mentioned a septic alarm-Jim indicated that there is probably no room-Michael Bryant also agreed. Jason and Shelly will be checking tank weekly.
- Received quote for repairing the #1 compactor. \$3293.50 of which \$1900 is for the replacement, refurbished cylinder. Jim mentioned an issue with labor and does not see where this is for a confined space. He also asked about keeping old cylinder to maybe have rebuilt on our own for a spare. Nichole to check with company. Board agreed to have work done.
- Shelly made a motion to appoint Linda Bisson as PB alternate. Jim seconded. Vote unanimous, 3 in favor.
- Board reviewed abatement request for Francis and Alison Small; 450 Whitehouse Road. They tore their building down after April 1st (December 2018) and would like to building abated from their property taxes for 2018 from December to April. Shelly made a motion to deny the abatement request pursuant to MRSA 36 §502; Property tax, taxable year. This statute states the assessment of the property and taxable value is that on what sits on the property as of April 1st of that year. Jim seconded. No discussion. Vote unanimous; 3 in favor.
- Bruce Colwell contacted Nichole about utilizing the Town Hall for a fundraiser for a local family that lost their 2 year old son to strep. It would be St. Patrick's Day Dance to benefit the family of Fox Fisher. Shelly made a motion to waive fee for the rental of the hall. Jim seconded. Discussion; they will still be responsible for the BYOB permit and insurance. Vote unanimous; 3 in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- Board discussed budget figures to present to Finance Committee for meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, February 12). Shelly made a motion to accept the budget figures as follows;
Raise 789886.55, excise 382363.45, Interest 25000.00 Local Road Assistance 45000.00, tax acquired property 35000.00. Jeff seconded. Vote 2 in favor (Jeff and Shelly) 1 opposed (Jim) Motion carries. Budget will be presented to Finance Committee.

Meeting adjourns 7:51 (Shelly motion, Jeff second, vote unanimous)



Shelly Gobeille

Jeffrey Cuevas



James McLaughlin