



Select Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Attendance: Nick Santengello, John Moulton

- 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

- Rescue; Nick and John were in to discuss the Rescue. They have had some issues covering days and people not showing up. In November they are very short handed. They have taken in a couple of applications. Rescues in the area are having the same problems. It is s demanding job and the pay is not there. Limerick and Shapleigh are also both having issues. They are looking at pricing what it would be for on call from home. The Board asked if the pay was comparable- Newfield is \$13 EMT and \$16 paramedic. Limerick is \$16 for medic/FF Kennebunk \$17 for medic/FF and Acton \$19 for medic/FF. Nichole asked if we had compared to anyone with same population size. John explained tha people can get easier jobs and the pay is comparable or more. Next year they would like to bump up the pay and right now the night is a hit or miss. Moulton's in Newfield is closing so John will be going to Cornish. Discussion on the length of time for training and schooling- maybe an incentive of paying for schooling and signing a contract to stay with company or have to pay back money. Really in need of volunteers for Rescue- drivers are really needed. Discussion on whether 2 ambulances are necessary with call volume down. They have discussed selling the ambulance and squad truck and getting a new squad truck versus ambulance. Rescue is still discussing the options. Rescue has also been discussing becoming a part of the town; John indicated he would like to see Fire and Rescue together. Board would like to continue the conversation- Rescue come back to a meeting either 11/19 or 12/3. They will get in touch with Nichole.
- SRCC- Robin Thayer's term ended at the end of November. Nichole to reach out and if still interested she can come and be sworn in.
- Agera energy whom the town has their delivery service with for electricity is in Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Constellation is the company taking over their customers. And we will need to wait to see if we are assigned to them.
- Jeff informed Nichole that the signs at Balch Dam are all missing except 1. Nichole to reach out to Acton to pay for signs as our records indicate that we paid for all the signs last time.
- Town Hall Rental fee discussion. Jim thinks the \$100 rental fee for residents is good. Shelly likes \$50. Shelly made a motion that residents pay a \$50 rental fee with a \$100 security deposit and non-residents stay the same at \$200 for fee and \$200 for security deposit. Ken seconded. Discussion. The hall was rented 5 times this year so far. People do not rent because of fee and no kitchen. \$100 fee for a kid's birthday party is a bit steep. It was also mentioned that the residents are already paying for the hall in their taxes. Vote 2 in favor (Shelly and Ken) and 1 opposed (Jim). Motion passes. Nichole will have forms updated at the office. Ken wants to know when hall is rented so he and Peter can inspect before returning security deposit.
- Discuss Increasing Municipal Agent Fees for Motor Vehicles – The State has passed a new law, effective 9/19/19 regarding service fees for registrations. This bill, LD 917, allows municipal agents to charge higher service fees for registrations for motor vehicles, from \$3 to \$5 for renewals and from \$4 to \$6 for new registrations. Shelly made a motion to adjust the municipal service fees for registrations for motor vehicles as noted above and in accordance with LD 917. Jim seconded. All in favor.

- Plowing Whitehouse Road. Jon Morrill got back to Shelly and said that he would plow for the \$2500. Asked if he could sand at the end of the storm. Board was okay with this, unless there was a problem then they would contact him. Okay to get sand/salt from sand pile for that portion of the road. Nichole to get contract going.

OLD BUSINESS

- Sand and Salt building entrance. Received permit back denied from DOT due to site distance only being 392' and not the required 495'. Jim asked about cutting the banking back to improve site visibility. Ken asked if Jim could contact DOT about this. Jim will contact DOT.
- Town Hall honor roll sign was not able to be picked up as previously scheduled. Nichole to reach out and set up another date.
- Eagle Scout Project- maybe a town hall project- basketball hoops, horseshoes, parking lot fixed.
- Office is closed on 11/5 for voting. Nichole posted on website.


Meeting adjourns 7:35 pm (Ken made motion, Shelly seconded, all in favor)



Shelly Gobeille



Kenneth Gates



James McLaughlin