



Select Board Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Attendance: Sterling Roop, Justine Perkins

- 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

- Sterling Roop from the Census was in to discuss the importance of the census and how it works. The 6th sentence of the constitution says we are required by law to do this. There are political reasons based on the Electoral College (representation) and financial when monies received from the government is based on population. It is 9 questions. If you do not want census worker coming to your house than all you need to do is answer these questions when mailed to you either on the phone, by mail or on the internet. Ken to get this information out on the Newfield Happenings! Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS

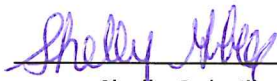
- Guptil Lane- the stakes have been removed. All set now.
- Discussion on ballot questions. Justine asked to speak since she is the registrar for the town. She explained that the majority of the proposed ballot questions would be better suited on the warrant and would allow for open discussion. These topics are not financially and or controversial. Voters tend to get confused with wordy questions when stepping into the booth, and they would also have to attend a public hearing.
 - ✓ To see if the town will accept a parcel of land on Coolidge Street, map 20 Lot 46 in lieu of 2019 taxes. Justine explained this would be more suited as a warrant article and would prompt an open discussion. Shelly agreed and made a motion to put the above question as a warrant article. Ken seconded. No Discussion. All in favor.
 - ✓ To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town property known as the "Matthews Lot" Map 54 Lot 11 on Mirror Lake Road, by sealed bid. Shelly made a motion to put the above question on the warrant. Ken seconded. Discussion. Jim explained he does not want this as a warrant article or to be voted on, we should just keep it. Justine and Nichole both expressed it being a water resource in the future. Shelly said she would just like the townspeople to decide. Gloria expressed that the townspeople already decided to keep it once. Vote 1 in favor (Shelly) 2 opposed (Jim & Ken).
 - ✓ To see if the town will vote to change the annual town election and meeting from a one day process to two day process. Currently Saturday voting is from 10-2 and meeting at 7:00pm, this would be changed to voting on Friday and the meeting the next day; Saturday. (Times to be determined by Board of Selectmen) Jim expressed maybe having a questionnaire to ask the townspeople what they want. Ken asked if the Board has the authority to change it then why bring it to the townspeople. Jim made a motion to put changing the town meeting election and meeting dates and hours be put on the warrant. Shelly seconded. Discussion: Jim feels that everyone should have a say. Vote 3 in favor.
 - ✓ To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract to select cut the Transfer Station land and accept any proceeds to be put into the Sand and Salt Building account. Ken made a motion to put this on the warrant. Jim seconded. Discussion: Jim doesn't know why the town needs to authorize this

and why we have had to wait eight months. Shelly advised that the town attorney and MMA advised us the town needing to authorize. Vote 3 in favor.

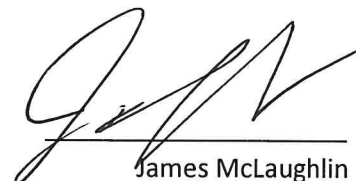
- ✓ Shelly made a motion to place the following question on the ballot; to see if the Town will authorize the positions of Treasurer and Town Clerk/Tax Collector to be appointed. These positions are currently elected for 3 year terms. Jim seconded. Discussion: Justine advised the Board this has to be voted on by ballot. Vote 3 in favor. Board signed order. Clerk attested.

- Foreclosures. Of the 17 properties that received impending foreclosure notices, all but 4 have paid. The property on Gile Road-Nichole was contacted by mortgage holder- she informed them they need to pay 2017, 2018 and first half of 2019 (to get account current) in order for the town to avoid foreclosure. The other 3 properties will receive curative letters allowing a 3 month time period to regain ownership in case any paperwork in the past was filed incorrectly.
- The plumber will be at the Town Hall on Thursday at 9am. He was not able to do a Saturday as he has family engagements.
- Recreation- glad that there is involvement. Shelly asked about a donation jar that was mentioned in one of the Facebook posts. The Board agreed that funds should go through town Treasurer to be accounted for. Gloria asked about town sponsored dances being BYOB and whether that was a good idea. Nichole to check with Leah.
- Salt and Sand Building- Board briefly discussed the driveway and funds for this year. Nichole suggested waiting until next meeting as she has reached out to the Tax Exempt Leasing Corp where we did the SCBA loan for a quote.
- Insurance- Board asked if the Old Fire Station is classified as a fire station and that is why we are paying so much; Nichole to get clarification.
- Shelly made a motion to appoint Jason Neville as the Fire Chief. Ken seconded. No Discussion. 3 in favor. Appointment papers signed.
- Wade's appointment as ACO has expired. Board would like to wait to discuss with him for a couple weeks; due to the passing of his dad.

Meeting adjourns 8:30 pm (Ken made motion, Shelly seconded, all in favor)


Shelly Gobeille


Kenneth Gates


James McLaughlin