



Selectmen Meeting 5/10/2016

Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Charles Moser; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley; members of the public.

Called to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Louise Lavoie.

Approvals:

- It was noted that the accounts payable and payroll manifests were signed.
- Minutes of the 4/24/16 Selectmen meeting had been read, Charlie noted three (3) typos – these were noted, with corrections, on a copy of the unapproved minutes. Charlie made a motion to accept them as amended. Motion seconded by Louise; two votes to accept minutes of 4/24/16 BOS meeting as amended.
Charlie moved to accept minutes of the 5/1/16 meeting as written – Louise seconds, both vote to accept the minutes as written.

New Business:

Louise followed up on an item in the minutes of the 4/24 meeting regarding contacting Atty Elefant to file a request with FERC to deny KM's application instead of suspend. Charlie said he had not contacted her, as many other towns had similarly filed and his belief was the coalition had filed as well, and it would be unnecessary duplication and expense for Town of Mason to do so. Louise's concern was that Mason be on record as stating FERC deny. Update will be sent by Charlie to selectmen, and PAC members Joe McGuire and Bob Dillberger.

Louise also requested that Ethernet access be kept as an action item, so it can be resolved in time for the November deadline.

Selectmen were in receipt of a letter of resignation from Christine Weiss, who was resigning as a Library Trustee due to moving out of town. There was also a letter of request from the other library trustees nominating Robin Smith, a former trustee, to fill the vacancy. The resignation was reluctantly accepted, and Board asked Kathy to have the nominee and Chair of the trustees attend the next BOS meeting in accordance with their policy of meeting nominees before appointing them.

Next item of business was the annual letter/questionnaire from the auditors regarding fraud. The questions were read and answered aloud with some discussion between the selectmen, then sign by both Louise and Charlie.

The Special Town Meeting was the next item on the agenda – proposed ballots were reviewed and approved as written. The Town Clerk's request to email the town distribution list the section of the ordinance to be amended along with the amendment was not accepted. Copies of the complete ordinance are available both on the website and in the offices for viewing by anyone interested. Minutes of the 5/1 Selectmen meeting also state the amendment. Kathy will prepare the warrant with the official wording, and selectmen will come to the office to sign that when it is ready to be posted.

There was a brochure regarding a training opportunity sponsored by the Road Agent Association on May 26th in Newbury, NH. Highway Foreman Roy Lundstedt had expressed interest in at least some of the road crew attending. Louise will check with Roy as to who would be attending, and be sure there was an understanding that they would be paid for the day but not for any possible overtime.

A copy of a letter sent by Senator Kelly Ayotte's office to FERC requesting denial of the KM application was read, and it was noted that this also made clear that the coalition had indeed filed a letter with FERC as well.

There was information from Hillsborough County stating the county portion of the tax rate will be going up next year – Louise asked Kathy to start a FY 17 Budget folder, and keep that letter there for planning purposes.

Selectmen discussed a performance issue regarding vehicle maintenance; it was decided that, as Bernie is the board liaison to the highway department, he should follow up by reviewing maintenance expectations with the crew.

Old Business:

Water test was done on the Mann's property adjacent to the highway department on May 4th. No results were back yet.

IT upgrade for the Mann House – Louise will be in contact with Brady, to be sure we are ready to join the school's Ethernet by November.

Public Forum:

Bob Bergeron mentioned there were new residents at 47 Gilman Hill Rd, leasing the property with an option to buy.

Harry Spears asked who was running the water tests for the groundwater collection. Charlie said ChemServe had sent someone to collect the sample as well as having them run the tests.

Louise mentioned there was potential for overtime for the highway crew this week with the paving projects planned for Thursday and Friday; this had been discussed and approved by BOS.

Charlie mentioned we need to keep the Wilton Recycling Center on our radar, as this summer Greenville should be making a decision about staying with Wilton or withdrawing to use a potential site in Greenville. Their withdrawal would result in another large increase in fees for Mason. Kathy was asked to also include this topic in the Budget folder.

Non-Public:

There being no other comments, Louise made a motion to enter into non-public session, per reason of RSA 91-A:3, II(a). Motion seconded by Charlie, both voted in the affirmative. Board entered Non-Public session at 8:26 PM.

Board returned to public session at 8:44, Charlie made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session, Louise seconded. Louise and Charlie both voted to seal the minutes.

Charlie moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Louise, both in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Next scheduled meeting is for May 24, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile