



Selectmen Meeting 10/11/2016

Approved Minutes

**Present:** Selectmen Bernie O’Grady, Charlie Moser and Louise Lavoie; Kathy Wile, Deb Morrison, Dave Morrison, members of the public.

**Called to Order:** The meeting was 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 September 27, 2016 meeting were reviewed, Louise Noted that there was a typographical error in the time the meeting began, and should be corrected to state 7:30 PM instead of 7:3 PM. No other corrections being noted, Charlie moved to accept the minutes of Sept 27, 2016 as amended. Bernie seconded, 3 votes to accept minutes as amended.
- MS-1 form was presented for review and signature. Charlie wondered how the net value of this year compared to last year’s number – using 2015 Town Report, the value this year compared at about 8% less as the assessor had estimated. The form was signed by all selectmen, and will be sent to DRA electronically.
- The election warrant was presented for signature prior to posting – there was a correction made to polling hours, which were set at 8:00 AM – 7:30 PM. Warrant was signed by all selectmen, posted by Town Clerk and will be posted on the website as well.

**New Business:**

- A Forestry Stewardship Plan for the Lipin property was presented, having been delivered to the office by their forester, Bill Downs. The selectmen compared it to the last version of the plan, and noted that a lot (E-32) had been added to the forest stewardship plan. The plan was signed as accepted by all selectmen.
- Deb Morrison came on behalf of the Town safety committee to report that at the September meeting, the group had brought up the idea of having a list of people in town that should be checked in on during power failures and other weather emergencies available to PD, FD and HD would be good. It was also decided that having a form for people available at the upcoming election would be a good opportunity. Charlie added community suppers as a good opportunity as well. Discussion, led to adding a line for email contact, emergency contact (other family member or friend) information, and information as to being added to Eversource’s critical need list as well. The question about opening liability to the town came up, and Charlie agreed to forward the revised form to Atty. Drescher for his review and comment. Compiling an additional list of emergency large equipment available to the town was also discussed. Deb will also check on the evacuation plan for the Mann House in old safety committee minutes, and repost that.

- Dave Morrison, Road Agent brought a couple of topics for Selectmen to consider. First, the horse club had asked about holding an event at the sand pit. Dave was not comfortable with the safety aspect of that, and it was agreed it could be reconsidered next year, as well as using the field and riding ring area adjacent to the ball field. Dave then mentioned there was concern with a drainage issue at the end of Nutting Hill Rd. The road needs a drain cleared out, and to be re-graded and graveled. The turn around for the equipment is actually on private (Joe McGuire) property, and it was agreed all upgrades needed to be done but there should be a written agreement with the property owner before work began. Dave next mentioned wanting to increase his part-time employee to full time for next year. Selectmen agreed to meet about that as they had met with the employee to discuss that possibility before Dave was hired. Dave will arrange that. Paving for next year was the next topic – using some of the balance left in this year’s budget to patch Brookline Rd, remembering to vote to encumber the balance for next year; possibly doing the short section of Darling Hill Rd, behind as well as in front of the church next year in addition to what was already planned. Agreed the chip sealing plan should not be pushed back in time. Trenching underneath Darling Hill Rd between the school and Mann House, to allow wiring for internet service, was also discussed.

#### **Old Business:**

- IT at Mann House – Microtime representatives had completed their walk through of the building but have not sent in their report as yet. A brief discussion on having other contractors look at the wiring job followed, and concluded with agreement that having our IT provider do the work would best allow them to ensure the integrity of the system.
- No update on the Auditor’s report – selectmen would like to have a meeting set up with a representative from the auditor, the Town treasurer, and Brenda when she returns from vacation would answer a lot of their questions. Brenda will be asked to set this up when she returns.

#### **Informational Items:**

- BOS had received a copy of the community profile for Mason submitted to NHES for inclusion in their NH Community Profiles database. Information had been provided by the town earlier in 2016
- The BOS had also received a copy of the DRA’s Sales monitoring Report. This report compares the DRA assessment with the town’s assessor’s version, another way to monitor each others’ work. No action required.

#### **Public Forum:**

- Bob Bergeron asked about progress on hiring a building inspector, adding that whoever was hired he (Bob) would want to continue on as assistant and actively help the new person. The selectmen plan to individually come in to review applications received using a hiring matrix, then meet next Tuesday to compare notes and thoughts to decide who to interview and set up a schedule.
- A separate concern was mentioned regarding a lack of written standards for the historic district, and agreed that needed to be addressed.

**Non-Public Session:**

- There was none.

**Adjourned:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Louise, seconded by Charlie, three votes to adjourn were made at 8:55 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7:30 PM** at the Mann House.

There will be a special meeting to consider applications on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Wile