



Selectmen Meeting 3/28/2017

Approved Minutes

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

Called to Order: The Meeting was called to order by Louise at 7:38 PM.

Approvals:

- It was noted that the Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests were in process of being signed. 2 checks were questioned, consulted with Brenda and will hold checks for clarification from department heads. Accounts Payable Manifest signed with a note excepting the 2 checks in question; payroll manifest signed as is. The questions were resolved later within the meeting, so the note of exceptions was removed and complete manifest was approved.
- Minutes of March 13, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Charlie made a motion to accept the minutes of March 13, 2017 as written; second from Louise, 2 votes to accept minutes as written.
- Two timber tax bills were presented for signature. Both seemed to be in order, having been processed by the assessor, and both were signed by both selectmen present.
- Appointment papers were presented for signature, two for Conservation Commission, one for Planning Board, one for Zoning Board. All papers were signed; appointees will be contacted to come be sworn in by the Town Clerk. There were two other appointment papers that were held for the next meeting.
- An application for property to be added into Current Use was presented. This had been signed by the assessor, and was signed by both selectmen present.
- Department of Unemployment letter, granting filing authority to Brenda Wiley, was presented. Consensus of the Board was to grant that authority; letter was signed by Louise as Board Chair.
- TAN paperwork was presented for approval. There was conversation regarding the potential conflict of interest within Devine Millimet concerning the firm's representation of Fairpoint. Selectmen agreed there should be no conflict, as different attorneys within the firm represent each of us, and signed the TAN application forms.
- Engagement letters were presented for the firm to pursue both the TAN and HD Building Bond. Charlie made a motion to waive the conflict of interest and approve signing both letters, 2nd by Louise, both agree to waive and have Louise sign both letters as Chair of BOS.
- MS 636 for the DRA was ready; it is the budget as approved at Town Meeting. It was noted that there were no changes made at the meeting on the proposed budget; Charlie and Louise both signed off on the MS 636 which will be sent to DRA.
- A commitment letter to the auditor for services was presented. Consensus to agree to continue with the same auditor, and letter was signed by Louise as Chair.
- Intent to Cut Timber was presented; same parcel as a 2016 intent, but the logger reported no cutting had actually been done in the 2016 cut year. Intent was signed by both selectmen.

New Business:

- Police Chief Kevin Maxwell and new Officer Michael Needham were there to meet with Selectmen. Officer Needham was introduced to selectmen, general coverage schedules were discussed as well. Louise explained to members of the public in attendance that the BOS was working with Chief Maxwell to expand coverage staff, hiring Officer Needham as well as adding Officer Moriarty back into patrol scheduling as well. Chief Maxwell added that there are still 2 more tentative appointments pending.
Chief Maxwell was questioned regarding the purchase of 2 new service weapons; it was explained that adding more patrol officers required adding weapons for them.
- Charlie explained that following the Town Meeting, 2 individuals had approached him requesting that the town meeting be moved back to Wednesday evening following the election, and he had agreed to raise the question at a BOS meeting. Conversation centered around how to best get a consensus from residents – paper or electronic notice, website vs mailing, survey or simple yes/no question. It was agreed that multiple means of receiving input was important, and potential criteria for making a change was discussed. There was a suggestion that a non-binding referendum be put on the next (2018) Town Meeting Warrant. It was agreed that would be a good solution.
- An application for renewal of a junkyard license had been received. It was agreed to pass that to the Building Inspector and have him schedule a visit to confirm compliance to ordinances and conditions.
- There was a request made from the Buildings Dept to add the cleaning of the upstairs meeting room to the list of areas served by the cleaners; new cost would be an additional \$15. It was agreed that the area gets increasing use and should be on a regular cleaning and trash removal schedule, and not be up to committee members to clean.

Old Business:

- BOS had requested that Brenda look into possibilities for providing town employees and volunteers an opportunity to access supplemental insurance. She reported she has spoken with representatives from both Afleck and Combined Insurance companies, and that a representative from Combined was planning to be on site to meet with interested individuals on Friday. One person had signed up to do so. The Town would not in any way carry the cost of such a policy, though it could be done through payroll deductions if requested.

Informational Items/Communication:

- Information from NHMA was available regarding SB 248, introduced to guarantee ratification of town elections within towns that had postponed their elections due to the snow storm. Selectmen agreed it was an evolving issue and they would read up on it at another time.

Public Forum:

- Bob Bergeron expressed concern that gas companies, including Kinder Morgan, seem to be pushing pipelines nationally again. It was agreed the federal government climate was supportive of fossil fuel development. Charlie also explained that the NH municipal coalition was still in place, though on a smaller scale, but still very involved and active. It

was also mentioned that the PUC had ruled against Northern Pass in passing along to rate payers. It was hoped that the recent election of Pat Martin from Rindge would be helpful in Concord to hold off the project.

- Dotsie Millbrandt mentioned she had signed up for the NHMA conference for Land Use Boards on April 29th, hoping other board members would as well. Bob Bergeron said he was planning to attend, and Charlie said he would check in with members on ZBA about attending the conference as well.
- Barbara Devore reported that she, Bob Laroche and Liz Fletcher had attended a training on wetlands rulings hosted by the Cheshire County CC. She said it was an excellent training session, and they would share information with other boards once they had it ready from their notes.
- Barbara also asked if the 2018 Town Report could be more similar to that of Temple in terms of having more photographs included, in honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Town. Cost was discussed as a prohibitive factor, and it was suggested some funds could possibly come out of the money set aside for the 250th Fund. Deb Morrison also offered to help produce the report next year and could do the set up the town offices cannot do at present.
- Deb Morrison said that April 11th is Legislative Day at the State House for Town Clerks, and she hoped to close the Office for the day so she and Suzanne could attend. It was agreed by Selectmen that giving advance notice to people in town about the office closure would be important, but the training day sounded like a good opportunity.

Non-Public:

The scheduled party did not attend.

Adjourned:

Charlie moved to adjourn, second by Louise, motion to adjourn passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant