



Selectmen Meeting

11/14/2017 Approved Minutes

**Present:** Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Bernie O’Grady, Charles Moser; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley, Dave Morrison; members of the public

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Louise at 7:31 PM.

**Approvals:**

- Noted that Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests were signed.
- Minutes of the October 24, 2017 BOS meeting and November 7, 2017 work session meeting were reviewed. Bernie motioned, Charlie seconds, to approve the minutes of 10/24/17 as written. Unanimously approved. Charlie motioned, Bernie seconds, to approve minutes of Nov 7, 2017 work session as written. Unanimously approved.
- Eversource had submitted a pole license petition for new poles on Pratt Pond Rd. Everything was in order; request was approved and signed (2 copies) by all selectmen to be returned to the Town Clerk’s office.
- Conservation Commission requested a disbursement of funds from the Rail Trail Repair Trust Fund for payment of work completed. Approved/signed by selectmen, to be passed along to Trustees of the Trust Fund. There followed a short side conversation about the possibility of FEMA reimbursement for damages to rail trail locations from the storm. Guidelines will be checked.

**New Business:**

- Road Agent Dave Morrison and Lee Lemoine, Mason firefighter and Beltronics employee, reviewed communication problems the HD was having between vehicles in different parts of town. Lee explained the low band frequency used by their radios was used by many typical home devices, and is not efficient over distances and changes of terrain, and recommends moving to the same high band frequency the FD is moving to. This would facilitate inter-department communication, as well as within the HD itself, using the existing town tower. Selectmen asked him to develop a proposal with costs, potential for spreading the process over time, etc. The FD system can be “borrowed” to be sure all the communication points the HD requires would be served by converting to that system.
- 250<sup>th</sup> Committee representatives Dotsie Millbrandt and Barbara Devore came to update BOS on grant money received. The paperwork will be signed by BOS at next meeting, put into an expendable Trust Fund managed by Trustees of the Trust Funds.
- Conservation Commission filed a letter of complaint regarding possible contamination of Rocky Brook due to smell of sewerage on Jackson Rd, flowing down hill to the brook. Selectmen felt that if there were obvious signs from the road and neighboring properties of septic failure it should be investigated. Kathy will check with DES regarding follow up for the complaint.
- BOS had received an email from a resident of Russell Rd regarding damage to his driveway during the reclaiming work process, and with general questions about paving plans. Louise

drafted a written response to the complaint, which was edited slightly for language. Written copy will be signed by all selectmen and mailed to the resident, with a copy for Road Agent.

- Request from a resident to purchase a lot owned by the town was discussed. This property was addressed in the list received on Oct 24 from Pete McGinnity (see minutes of 10/24/17). Discussion concluded there was a need for BOS to look at the larger picture rather than individual properties, research permission for BOS to sell properties, town forest warrant article, and what the process (of selling) needs to be. Kathy will send a response to the resident summarizing this discussion.
- School server connection – during recent power failure at school, there was no internet available for the Town. Kristen will look into cost of having their server connected to their generator. Selectmen agreed this extra cost should be covered by the Town as it benefits the Town. Microtime will also be consulted regarding the battery backup to be installed there, both quotes will be brought to the next BOS meeting on Nov 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

- HD building update: Building pieces are covered and set for winter storage. Thank you to Dotsie Millbrandt for lumber donation which helped in the process. Pictures have been taken, will be sent to STJ Construction to protect the warranty.
- POPMD policy for Rail Trail update requested from Liz Fletcher, of the conservation commission. Charlie and Kathy will check for email history, looking for response on that from Atty Drescher. Collective memory is that it requires amending the language of the Rail Trail Policy, which needs to be done by holding a public hearing. Charlie will pursue this.

### **Informational Items/Communication:**

- Kerrie Baldi will be joining the Planning Board as an alternate member; appointment papers to be drawn up and signed before the next PB meeting on Nov 29<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a work meeting with highway department scheduled for Tu 11/21/17 at 7 PM.
- Schedule for Budget meetings will be set at the next BOS meeting.

### **Public Forum:**

#### **Non-Public:**

- Charlie motioned to enter non-public session by reason of RSA 91-A:3,II(a) . Second from Bernie; roll call vote 3 votes to enter non-public session at 7:43 PM  
Return to public session at 8:32 PM. Charlie motioned to seal the minutes, second by Bernie, because “information likely would adverse the reputation of any person other than a member of this board”. Roll call vote to seal minutes – 3 votes to seal minutes.

#### **Adjourned:**

- Louise motioned to adjourn, second by Bernie. Three votes to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 28, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Mann House.  
There will be a work meeting for Highway Department Tuesday November 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
also at the Mann House, if the Road Agent is able to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Wile  
Administrative Assistant