

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 29, 2018
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 pm – Chairman Barry called the meeting to order

Present: Stephen Barry, Chairman; Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman; Fred McGarry, Andrew Robertson and Jeff Shute, Selectmen.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Barry asks all to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag

Regular Business:

Accounts Payable Manifest - \$16,654.80

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$16,654.80

Second: Selectman Robertson

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Payroll Manifest - \$56,926.16 (gross), \$43,837.76 (net)

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to approve the payroll manifest

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

New Hampshire Emergency Notification System Authorized Users form which authorizes Chief Duquette and Chief Fisher to be authorized users in the E-9-1-1 operations.

It requires two signatures by the Chairman if he could get a motion to sign.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to allow the Chairman to sign the form

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Request from Public Service for one pole license on Candia Road.

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to grant the pole permit to Public Service (Eversource)

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Barry stated that the Board is here tonight to sign the warrant for the town.

Motion: Selectman Robertson moves to sign the 2018 Warrant

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Town Administrator's Report:

Mr. Harrington stated that he had a couple of items tonight. Some may know that we had a small, minor flood in this room last week due to a combination of rain and the groundwater that is normally taken care of by the sump pump.

Both of those use the same drywell which was overwhelmed and the water backed onto this floor. In order to prepare ourselves for the next time that we have a heavy amount of rain, he stated that he had Ray Ellis order our own sump pump that can be used to supplement the one that is in the drywell and that can be pumped directly outside through basement window so that if the existing sump pump becomes overwhelmed, we won't have another flood. Mr. Harrington is concerned about the floor stability if it gets wet again that way.

Also, today was the annual cleaning and maintenance of all water treatment and filtration systems in the various municipal buildings and the company that was at the highway shed doing its annual cleanings and inspection determined that unit over there most likely needs to be replaced. It's being overtaxed for the size and purpose that it was designed for. Just today, they used over 300 gallons, mostly to keep the equipment clean and it was never designed to handle that much usage. It needs to cycle after so many gallons and the amount of salt being used in that system is overwhelming it.

Chairman Barry asked if they could separate the system so that they use untreated water to wash vehicles.

Mr. Harrington stated that this was his question and when brought to the highway agent, it was stated that that particular well contains a high amount of iron and the residue on the trucks is already noticeable when they clean it. Taking it out of the system would make the situation worse. He stated that they are working on other suggestions of possibly getting a separate water tank where lake water could be held or in-ground septic system for cleaning and rinsing the trucks. He is looking for various suggestions which would be seasonal especially with all the sand and salt that is used but also during the year to keep the equipment clean. He also has them getting an estimate as a backup, what the cost of a system that could handle this (usage) would be.

In addition, the plumbing in the highway shed water system is showing a lot of deterioration as the valves are no longer workable because of corrosion. At a minimum, there might be some plumbing that needs to be done but he will keep the Board posted after he gets an estimate from the vendor.

Chairman Barry asked if there were any questions for the Town Administrator.

Vice Chairman Pitman asked Mr. Harrington how he made out on the price of the better rubber roof.

Mr. Harrington stated that it (the quote) hasn't come in yet. The vendor has been out there to look at it and will be providing a quote hopefully before this Saturday so that you can include a price.

Chairman Barry asked about the quote for three-phase power at the transfer station.

Mr. Harrington stated that he received a very general quote. The building inspector officer did meet with the utility company. They are looking to tap into power going all the way back to the fairgrounds where the metering is. They are further discussing approaching Public Service to see if a meter could be located at the end by Route 107 to reduce the length. If they can agree to a meter at Route 107, then we can bring the power up from there.

Those are the two options and the ballpark figure is around \$150,000.00 if we go with the power all the way back to the fairgrounds. It's about \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00 a pole and they are determining 18-20 poles.

Chairman Barry asked if the power company would have anything written before the meeting and Mr. Harrington's hope is that they will and they seemed to think that they would have some kind of quote.

Other Business:

Selectman Robertson stated that he assumes that the Board is going to move from the floor, the differences between our budget and the Budget Committee's budget. There are some minor adjustments.

All Board members agreed.

Mr. Harrington stated that the minor adjustments were taken care of today. He stated that he would be reprinting the MS-737 and asking the MBC to stop by the office to sign a revised 737 so those adjustments are all taken care of.

Selectman Robertson stated that the adjustments that he was speaking to were differences between the Board of Selectmen's Budget and the Budget Committee's budget. There is going to be a little bit of difference there.

Chairman Barry asked if Selectman Robertson would like to bring it up and move it as one number?

Selectman Robertson stated that he thought that he the Board could bring it up and move it as one number and he believed that John (Harrington) could give the line items that are affected by the slight changes and we could read it as information to the session and see if they want to go along with it.

Selectman Robertson stated that he told the Budget Committee that when you look at the difference between their budget and the Select Board budget, that's a pretty good indicator of what the selectmen are going to try to move from the floor at the deliberative session.

Street Signs:

Selectman Robertson stated that he would like to mention that he had a distinct recollection that we have or had a policy, that the Board of Selectmen would approve street names as they were brought forward for new developments and new streets. There was a specific strategy to it that tied into 9-1-1. We agreed to use red signs for private roads. We had also agreed to use red signs and use the term "lane" for private roads around Pleasant Lake and anything else would be called a road.

Driving around town as of late, Selectman Robertson noticed that we have a "Forest Glen", "Major John Simpson Way", "Lois Lane" and he didn't recall seeing any of these come before the Board of Selectmen. I don't know if they were presenting these to the Planning Board or if they were just buying road signs and slapping them up.

Selectman McGarry stated that generally they have referred them to the Select Board. He didn't know about the Major John Simpson Way and how that got by.

Selectman Robertson stated that the Lois Lane one caught him a little off guard not because it was Lois but that Lane and we had specifically and in accordance with the Safety Council and 9-1-1, we were going to call any Lane as by the lake and people responding would know that it is by the lake.

Vice Chairman Pitman added private roads. He stated that this is the only way that it can be determined if it is town-maintained or not. If we don't stick to this, we are going to lose our grip on it.

Selectman Robertson stated that he thought that the place to start is with the Code Enforcement Officer who possible instructs people when given permits that they have to run these names past the Board of Selectmen.

Vice Chairman Pitman asked how to back up and straighten this out.

Chairman Barry stated that they could look at the records for the last year to see if they were approved. He didn't remember approving any in a while.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that the last one that he remembers was on the lake which used to be Cotnoir and they moved away and they asked for it to be put to another name.

We changed a few of them to red (signs) but there is still some that need to be changed and it would be good to get them done.

Selectman Robertson stated that they had also stipulated that road names had to have some historical or geographical significance. This all came to a head when Joe Stone was on the Board.

Chairman Barry stated that Mr. Harrington will do some research and get back to the Board.

Selectman McGarry stated that in regard to the subdivision off of Church Street, he thought that they were still holding a bond or a portion of a bond, so we can have them go back and change the sign and make it red and obviously bring it here.

Vice Chairman Pitman asked Selectman McGarry if that (subdivision) was going to be five houses?

Selectman McGarry stated that it was going to be four.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that it is still set up to be a private road.

Chairman Barry asked if anyone else had any business at all.

Citizen's Comments:

Ms. Cady stated that she liked the name "Major John Simpson Way". Selectman Robertson stated that he didn't have a problem with the name, just the color of the sign.

Ms. Cady asked if the problem is that it isn't a red sign and Selectman Robertson stated that it has to be a red sign and that we also had a stipulation whether you could call it a "Lane" or "Road" or "Way".

Ms. Cady stated that at the end of Meetinghouse Hill Road that the marker for Major John Simpson is there. The name of the road just has to be approved and be the correct color.

Motion: Vice Chairman Pitman moves to adjourn at 5:49 p.m.

Second: Selectman Robertson

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Next Meeting: Monday, February 5, 2018 at 5:30 pm

*The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Dianne L. Kimball, Recording Secretary
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