

Selectmen's Minutes

January 6, 2014

Present: Bruce Beane, Steve Moscicki, Jim Trudell, Donna Clark-AA, Celine Presby-Treasurer

Chairman Beane called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Manifests & Invoices:

The manifests for Dec 30th, Dec 31st and Jan 6th were authorized and new invoices for future payment were reviewed and initialed.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was read showing a balance of \$171,236.67 in the WGSB checking account and \$135,001.91 in the WGSB Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account. Moscicki motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as given, 2nd by Trudell, all voted in favor.

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for Dec 23rd were reviewed. Moscicki motioned to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Beane, all voted in favor.

Committee/Department Reports & Needs:

- Clark updated the Board on Highway Dept matters on Tom Smith's behalf. A purchase order for Tenco for \$3,145 for chains & plow blades was approved.
- The Board reviewed the Tax Collector's list of all unpaid taxes as of Dec 31, 2013 in the amount of \$202,328. This is about \$7,500 higher than the amount outstanding at year end 2012.
- Beane will not be available for the Jan 27th Selectmen's meeting.

Permits and Applications:

The following was approved:

- Pistol Permit for Debra Elliott

Public Hearing on Amending Pole Licenses and Adopting New License Format:

Pursuant to RSA 231:163, Chairman Beane opened a public hearing at 6:30 pm for the purpose of considering amending all existing pole licenses and adopting a new pole license format to be used hereafter to include language to accommodate the taxation provision per RSA 72:23, I. All pole license holders within the municipality were identified: Public Service of New Hampshire, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc and Fairpoint Communications NNE (formerly Verizon). Written notice of this public hearing was delivered by hand to each licensee at least 14 days prior to the hearing pursuant to RSA 43:2 and included a copy of the proposed new license format. Notice was published in the Littleton Courier and posted at the Town Hall and on the Town of Lyman's website. There were no members of the public in attendance, however, a letter from Public Service of New Hampshire's legal counsel

was read into the record.

Beane explained that some or all of Lyman's existing pole licenses may not include language regarding taxation pursuant to RSA 72:23, and that it is in the best interests of the public good to amend the pole licenses so that they are consistent with the language in RSA 72:23, I, in order to remove possible questions as to the town's authority to assess the licensee's use of the right-of-way. The Board presented and discussed the proposed new pole license and petition form to be used effective January 7, 2014. Beane also read aloud a Resolution which both amends existing pole licenses and adopts a new Petition for Pole License format to include language regarding taxation pursuant to RSA 72:23. After a brief discussion and hearing no further questions or comments, Beane closed the public hearing at 6:50 pm.

Moscicki then made a motion to adopt the Resolution amending existing pole licenses and adopting a new Petition for Pole License format to include language regarding taxation pursuant to RSA 72:23 as presented, 2nd by Trudell, all voted in favor, the motion passed unanimously. The Resolution was signed by all members. The selectmen's vote to adopt this resolution will be recorded by the town clerk and copies will be forwarded to the various licensees by certified mail, return receipt.

Correspondence:

The following were received:

- Jan/Feb 2014 NHMA Town & City magazine
- NHMA Legislative Bulletins #1 and #2
- Primex Winter 2013 PrimeTimes newsletter
- PLT Coverage Connection Dec 2013 newsletter
- HealthTrust financial reports for period ending 2012
- Property-Liability Trust financial reports for period ending 2012
- Mitchell Municipal Group raising rate by \$10 per hour for 2014
- NH Dept of Safety - public hearing on Re-adoption of Display, Consumer and Permissible Fireworks Rules - Jan 9th in Concord
- UNH T2 Fall 2013 Newsletter

Old Business:

The Selectmen continued working on the 2014 proposed budget but are still awaiting some numbers. A firm plan and quote for proposed Town Hall renovations is expected within two weeks and a date will be set soon for a meeting with Lisbon and Landaff to discuss 2014 fire support, ambulance and recycling budgets. Michael O'Brien will be asked to submit his plans for 2014 emergency management needs. Proposed revenues will be reviewed at the next meeting.

New Business:

- The Board signed a deed transferring a tax deeded parcel back to its former owners as the total amount due has been paid in full.
- The updated Public Official Schedule Bond for FY 2014 from received from Property-Liability Trust.
- Lyman's contract with ENH Power is up for renewal in Feb 2014 and the 24 month rate is \$.0879 /Kw hour.
- The Board reviewed and approved the Jan 2014 Revised Welfare Payment Guidelines as presented by Welfare Officer Donna Clark.

- The Selectmen completed the Risk Assessment Questionnaire for the 2013 audit.
- Beth Hubbard advised the Board she will not be running for Trustee of the Trust Funds this year.

Non Public:

Trudell made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(c) to discuss two matters of reputation, 2nd by Moscicki, all in favor by roll call vote. Resumed public session. Moscicki made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session, 2nd by Trudell, all in favor following a roll call vote.

Trudell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, 2nd by Moscicki, all voted in favor.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan 13th, at 6:00 pm.