

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

December 18, 2017

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

Other Attendees: David Simpson

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

Manifests & Invoices:

The manifest for Dec 18th was authorized and new invoices for future payment were reviewed and initialed.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was read showing a balance of \$133,376.97 in the WGSB checking account and \$290,308.06 the WGSB Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account. Treasurer Presby reported a banking error with the sweeping process that temporarily left more funds in that account than allowed. The bank provided a letter acknowledging the problem and resolution, and additional safeguards are now in place. Moscicki motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as given, 2nd by Beane, all voted in favor.

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for the Nov 30th employee meeting, Dec 7th and 8th gravel pit meetings, and Dec 11th regular meeting were reviewed. Moscicki motioned to approve all the minutes as written, 2nd by Beane, all voted in favor.

Committee/Department Reports & Needs:

Beane updated the Selectmen on activity at the town pit relative to the 5-year renewal of the NHDES Alteration of Terrain Permit. Mike Carbonneau of Connecticut Valley Design completed the necessary excavator work last week and photos were sent to engineer Jenn McCourt for her approval. The new owners of the abutting property (formerly Crandall) will be in town over the holidays and will meet with Beane to review the buffer situation. * Clark updated the Board on other Highway Department matters on Road Agent Tom Smith's behalf. Engineer Chad Poland of Michie Corp will forward the final plans and structural design calculations for the new Mountain Meadows Road Bridge to Nancy Mayville at NHDOT per her request. Someone is interested in purchasing a 12 ft plow that the town is no longer using but the Selectmen confirmed that the sale would have to go through the sealed bid process. A purchase order for Barrett Trucking for \$2,217.28 for 32 tons of winter salt was approved. * Clark reminded the Board that the Town Offices will be closed for the holidays and vacation from Dec 22nd through Jan 2nd. Beane will be available for emergency phone calls during that time.

Permits and Applications:

The following was approved:

- Pistol Permit

Old Business:

Assessor Cindy Perkins of Commerford Nieder Perkins completed the review of sales for the annual ratio study and released the information to the NH Dept of Revenue. Based on these initial figures, the Town's Median Ratio is fairly good at 94.3 and the Coefficient of Dispersion is 17.2, which should be under 20. * Town Attorney Jae Whitelaw advised that the multi-town FairPoint valuation trial is now scheduled for mid-April 2018.

New Business:

After a review of the Jan 2018 IRS mileage reimbursement rate, Beane motioned to adjust the Town rate up one cent to \$.545 per mile effective Jan 1st, 2nd by Trudell, all voted in favor. * The 2018 State Education Tax Warrant is \$127,067; down from \$129,455 for 2017. * A letter was received from the NH Lottery regarding laws for Keno. * The Board completed and signed a questionnaire for the 2017 audit which will begin in early Feb. * After reviewing the 2017 expense budget to date, the Selectmen confirmed they will not encumber any funds for 2018 purchases at year end.

Public Matters:

David Simpson met with the Board to start a conversation about current school costs and options, the existing cost sharing formula, and the process for withdrawing from a cooperative school district. Two other interested residents were not able to attend. Trudell explained what he knows of the budgeting process as a school board member and the group provided Mr. Simpson with information and statutes pertaining to withdrawal. Trudell will be his contact as questions arise. Mr. Simpson also spoke to Representative Brad Bailey about his concerns and was given contact information for the NH Commissioner of Education.

Beane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, 2nd by Moscicki, all voted in favor.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan 8th, at 6:00 pm.

Approved:
