

## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

February 5, 2018

Present: Jim Trudell, Steve Moscicki, Donna Clark-AA

Absent: Bruce Beane

Chairman Trudell called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

### Manifests & Invoices:

The manifest for Feb 5<sup>th</sup> was authorized and new invoices for future payment were reviewed and initialed.

### Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for the Jan 29<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Trudell motioned to approve the minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moscicki, all voted in favor.

### Committee/Department Reports & Needs:

The Selectmen reviewed an Oath of Office paper for Debra Heathe to serve as Supervisor of the Checklist until the March election.

### Permits and Applications:

The following was approved:

- Request for Use of Town Hall by Rena Woods

### Correspondence:

- NHMA Legislative Bulletin #07
- NHMA Town & School Meeting Handbook 2018-2019
- UNH Road Business - End of Year Edition
- Letter from Eversource regarding the Northern Pass Site Evaluation Committee Decision
- Letter from the Vermont Dept of Conservation regarding Redemption of Containers not originally purchased in Vermont
- USDA offering low interest loans and grants for seniors struggling with home repairs
- The Executive Council approved \$10M for public school infrastructure

### Old Business:

The Board discussed the FairPoint lawsuits and possible abatements for assessments of their rights-of-way. \* The Board reviewed school-related correspondence received from David Simpson since the last meeting. They will include an advisory article on the 2018 warrant asking voters if they are in favor of having the Board of Selectmen appoint a committee to investigate and evaluate educational alternatives to the Lisbon Regional School District as was done in 1989.

Selectman Beane joined the meeting by speakerphone to discuss budget matters as he was home battling the flu. Trudell and Moscicki reported on their Jan 29<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Lisbon and Landaff Selectmen to discuss the 2018 recycling, fire support and life squad agreements. Lyman's portion of the recycling expense budget will increase by \$3,830 to \$40,250 for 2018. Lyman will receive a check for \$31,220 for its share of the transfer station's 2017 income and a refund of overpayment on the transfer station's actual 2017 expenses. The fire support agreement for 2018 will be \$23,000. The annual retainer will remain at \$14,500 and there will be no cap on the amount the Town will pay for actual fire costs. Based on last year's expenses, the Selectmen have increased that budgeted amount to \$8,500. False alarms will be billed at \$400 each, forest fires will be billed at standard rates (and are usually reimbursed in part by the state), and other inspections will be billed on a fee schedule with those fees being passed along to the individuals requiring the inspections. The Town also pays associate member dues to Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Association in the amount of \$2,000. Lyman's agreement for 2018 life squad and ambulance services will remain at \$7,862. \* The Selectmen reviewed all the estimated revenues and proposed expenses again and made final decisions about funding capital reserves. Clark had sent letters to two new agencies requesting 2018 appropriations outlining the process for submitting a petition warrant article and the requirements for future funding. Both suggested they would attempt to get the required number of signatures on a petition prior to the Feb 6<sup>th</sup> deadline. All of this information will be incorporated into the final proposed budget to be presented at the Annual Budget Hearing scheduled on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Lyman Town Hall.

**New Business:**

The auditors will be here this week to complete the field work portion of the annual town audit. \* The Board reviewed a letter from the NH Dept of Revenue suggesting a change to the 2018 Commerford Neider Perkins annual assessing contract. It is the same as it has been for over a decade and the Selectmen felt there was no reason for the additional wording. The 2018 contract is \$500 less than 2017. \* The Board signed a letter to Primex authorizing the release of information regarding the Town's insurance coverages to the auditors. \* The Selectmen will prepare their report to be included in the 2017 Town Report and made a decision not to include a dedication. \* The Lyman Community Group announced that Dodge Pond Day will be held Feb 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm and will include a potluck meal, dog sled rides, ice fishing, skating and a cold water rescue demo.

Trudell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moscicki, all voted in favor.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm.

Approved:

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