

## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

March 19, 2018

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

Other Attendees: Brett Presby, Tom Smith, Mike Colby

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

### **Manifests & Invoices:**

The manifests for Mar 12<sup>th</sup> and Mar 19<sup>th</sup> 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 \$161,488.28 in the WGSB checking account and \$140,476.19 in the WGSB Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account. Moscicki motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as given, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beane, all voted in favor.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes for the Mar 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and Mar 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting were reviewed. Moscicki motioned to approve all the minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beane, all voted in favor.

### **Public Matters:**

Residents Tom Smith and Mike Colby addressed the Board regarding Article 8 on the Town Meeting warrant which was amended and passed as follows: To see if the Town will vote to endorse the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of a committee for the purpose of investigating and evaluating ways to stabilize school taxes related to the Lisbon Regional School District and to instruct the committee to prepare a report of their findings for presentation at a meeting to be announced and posted. At least 50% of the membership shall be parents of current Lisbon Regional School District students. Tom apologized for some earlier comments he made but had only heard about the warrant article three days prior to Town Meeting. Some parents felt the town was not being transparent. The warrant was posted in a timely manner at the Town Hall and on the Town website, as usual. Selectmen's meetings are open to the public and minutes are posted on the website. Tom and Mike expressed the concerns of parents and their love of Lisbon Regional School and all it offers their children. Trudell explained the local school rate was up \$2.02 in 2017. It will take another significant jump in 2018 if all articles pass at the Annual School Meeting and likely again in 2019 as the first of 10 years of bond payments will be due. The State is cutting back on school aid at a rate of about 4% per year until it reaches zero. Of the 9 member school board, only 2 represent Lyman, and Lyman pays more per student than Lisbon. The Board of Selectmen supports continued quality education. They are also aware of the negative impact of increased property taxes on town residents living on fixed incomes. The hope is that this committee will be successful in finding answers that will work for everyone.

**Committee/Department Reports & Needs:**

Cemetery Committee member Brett Presby asked the Board for clarification on the balance due for a cemetery lot sold years ago. It was agreed that \$100 is still outstanding. \* Road Agent Tom Smith will take part in UNH T2 Culvert Maintainer Certification Training on Apr 4<sup>th</sup> in Meredith and Roadside Mowing Safety in Woodsville on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. \* The Board signed a reappointment paper for Lisa Linowes to serve on the Conservation Commission. \* The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for Mar 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. \* The NH Division of Forest & Lands approved the reappointment of Forest Fire Wardens as previously recommended by the Selectmen. \* Clark's request for a personal day off was approved. \* Lisbon Selectman Scott Champagne advised that there will be only slight increases in the contracts for fire (\$500) and life squad services (\$133.25) for 2019.

**Permits and Applications:**

The following were approved:

- Pistol Permit
- Intent to Cut for Harold Lynde for Map 222 Lot 008

**Correspondence:**

- NHMA Legislative Bulletins #12 & #13
- Broadband, Cable Franchise Agreements & Wireless Tower Permitting presentation by Northern Border Regional Commission on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Plymouth
- Tri-County CAP announced a Supplemental Benefit for Fuel Assistance Households is now available
- Lyman Community Group's Feb 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
- Abutter Notice from Gerard Landry & Nancy Landry Revocable Trust regarding an application for a NH Dept of Environmental Services shoreland permit for Map 216 Lot 003 on Dodge Pond Rd

**Old Business:**

The Selectmen discussed the Mar 13<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting and the upcoming Annual School Meeting on Mar 21<sup>st</sup> where voting starts at 7:00 pm and the meeting at 7:30 pm. \* Talk then turned to the creation of the School Tax Stabilization and Quality Education Committee that was voted in at Town Meeting. Dept of Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut will be asked to come to a meeting after the committee is established. Once the Selectmen see how many people have shown interest in participating, they will determine the number of members on the committee and how they will be selected. An organizational meeting will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to outline the responsibilities of the members. Since this is an official town committee, all meetings must be held in public at the Town Hall, meetings must be properly noticed and minutes taken. Members must be registered voters, be sworn in and sign a document acknowledging the consequences of violating the Right-To-Know Law.

**New Business:**

The Board discussed preparing a job description and advertisement for a new Planning Board & Zoning Board of Adjustment Secretary-Coordinator position.

**Non Public:**

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

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Beane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moscicki, all voted in favor.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 pm.

Approved:

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