

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

December 10, 2018

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

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

Manifests & Invoices:

The manifests for Dec 6th and Dec 10th were authorized and new invoices for future payment were reviewed and initialed.

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for the Dec 3rd meeting were reviewed. Moscicki motioned to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Trudell, all voted in favor.

Committee/Department Reports & Needs:

The School Committee met on Dec 4th to prepare for the Dec 12th follow up meeting with the Lisbon School Board. Chairman Tom Smith will make introductory remarks, Beane will speak on the Selectmen's behalf and Craig Simpson will handle questions on the financial research the Committee has done. It will be the group's third meeting with the School Board regarding a request to put an article on the Annual School Warrant to change the apportionment formula to 100% ADM. If not supported, the Town may still proceed with a petition warrant article. Additional representation on the School Board was also discussed. * The Selectmen met with the Lisbon and Landaff Boards for a Tri-Town Transfer Station Committee Meeting on Dec 3rd to address an 85% - 87% price increase from Casella Waste Management for the transportation and disposal of solid waste. Transfer Station Supervisor Fred Garofalo and Casella Resource Solutions' General Manager Michael Casella and Sales Consultant Gary Lavine were also present. The cause of the proposed rate increase was discussed at length, as well as the cost increases that have been created this year at the Transfer Station. They are currently 2% over budget with December yet to be completed. Mike Casella offered alternative methods which might yield some cost savings but the initial set-up expense may make them impractical. Finding ways to cover these impending increases, if unable to reduce them, was also discussed. Mr. Casella will take a hard look at their proposed rate increases and work with the group to find ways to reduce the hauling and disposal costs to their company. The Bethlehem disposal site may have to close in 2024 and the closest place to take solid waste will be much further away which will increase costs. Mr. Casella will meet with the Boards again soon as numbers will be needed for the Towns to proceed with their 2019 budgets. Some residents are also having a difficult time throwing their trash bags into the new compactor. If no one is available to assist, bags may be left in front of the composter and the attendant will take care of them. * Agreements for the Fire Department and Life Squad shared and contracted services for 2019 were also discussed and signed. The fire protection agreement for 2019 will increase from \$14,500 to \$15,000 and there will be no cap on the amount the Town will pay for actual fire costs. False alarms caused by automatic alarm systems 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 2019 Life Squad Ambulance services will increase from \$7,862 to \$7,995.

Permits and Applications:

The following were approved:

- Request for Town Hall Use by Jacey Courser

Correspondence:

The following was received:

- Town of Bath Zoning Board of Adjustment public hearing notice on a telecommunications tower on Dec 18th 6:00 pm

Old Business:

A third and final letter will be sent to a property owner regarding two partially resolved zoning violations. * Beane will reach out to legal counsel regarding the location and setback requirements for an existing wind generator on a residential property. * The Selectmen will meet with full time employees on Dec 19th to discuss wages and medical insurance plan costs for the coming year. * Beane contacted Charles Hochmuth about reinforcing the floor in the Town Hall and the problem may just be with the old floorboards and not the stringer structure

New Business:

The Board agreed to North Country Council's request for a letter of support for a Solid Waste Technical Assistance and Training Grant. * The Selectmen reviewed and signed a Municipal Work Zone Agreement to acknowledge that NH DOT will have the authority to control traffic through work zones during the upcoming removal, replacement, and/or installation of horizontal curve signing on state owned roadways in Lyman. * After reviewing the 2018 expense budget to date, Trudell made a motion to approve a proposal from Littleton Monument Company for three replacement cemetery stones for Center Cemetery for \$1,701.00 and to encumber that amount if they are not delivered before Dec 31, 2018, 2nd by Moscicki, all voted in favor.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec 17th, at 6:00 pm.

Approved:
