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Selectmen's Meeting
Town Offices – 4:00 p.m.

Monday, January 25, 2016

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Daniel J. Duffy, Selectman Carolyn Sundquist, Selectman Lloyd Wood, Administrative Secretary Martha B. Eldridge, and three (3) people in the audience.

Chairman Duffy called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman Sundquist made a motion to approve the minutes of 01/11/16 as amended. Selectman Wood seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectman Wood made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of 01/11/16 as amended. Selectman Sundquist seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectman Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of 01/13/16 as amended. Selectman Sundquist seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Fire Chief Adam Thompson presented his monthly report. Chief Thompson reported that to date they have done 8 Fire calls, 11 EMS calls, 1 service call, 1 SPD call. Inspections to date are: 1 Life safety. A five-year current call comparison was submitted. This shows an increase of 30 calls from 2011 – 2015.

Selectman Wood made a motion to separate the Rescue/Ambulance vehicles warrant article into two separate warrant articles. Selectman Sundquist seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. This was a request from Fire Chief Adam Thompson.

The financing for the two proposed vehicles on this year's warrant was discussed. Sundquist stated that they would need the cost of each vehicle for the public hearing. The Board will be considering a lease purchase or a straight loan.

Chairman Duffy stated that the "ice" is not safe. Chief Thompson said they had responded to two ice rescue calls this year and both of them have been out of town.

Police Chief Andrew Shagoury came in with his monthly report. He submitted the Dec. totals. He reported that calls are up as well as accidents. He stated that they are still having issues with the radios. Heroin abuse is still an issue.

Selectman Wood stated that he has the support of the Board of Selectman. The ad for the sale of the 2008 Implala has been completed and has been sent to the newspaper. Selectman Sundquist asked that it be posted on the web-site.

Selectman Sundquist made a motion to approve and sign the application for a Veteran's Tax Credit for property located on Map 14 Lot 2-23. Selectman Wood seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Donahue, Tucker, & Ciandella, PLLC submitted an update on the Telephone Companies Tax Cases. Selectman Sundquist made a motion to sign the appeal to go forward with the case. Selectman Wood seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Shoreland Permit by Notification for the Lang Pond Road Reconstruction was signed by Chairman Duffy and will be forwarded to NHDES immediately.

The Board received from the Dept. of Revenue Administration the final results of the monitoring activity for the 2014 cyclical inspections for the update of assessments.

The Board received from the Dept. of Revenue Administration the annual equalization assessed values for Tuftonboro for the median ratio. The equalization sales rate for 2015 is 92%.

The Board received a notice of a Sandpit Closure and Cessation of use at 188 Middle Rd. Map 55 Lot 1-16.

The Board received the Highway Maintenance District 3 Proposed Resurfacing Program CY 2016. Selectman Wood reported that they will be paving from the Moultonborough/Tuftonborough town line easterly to the intersection of Upper Beacham Road in Ossipee.

A Wetlands Permit by Notification for property located at Map 13 Lot 1-3 was submitted.

The Board received the Federal Standard Mileage Rates for 2016. The rate is .54.

The Boy Scouts had requested to use the Town House for a meeting on the 2nd of February. This will not be possible because the Budget Committee Public Hearing will be held there. Martha will notify the Boy Scouts of this change.

The Closing of Town Facilities Policy was discussed. The question of who makes the call was made. Suggestions made were: Chairman of the Board, the Fire Chief, the Police Chief, or the Road Agent. No decision was made.

The Timber Tax Program is still pending.

The Lake Road Project has received one quote and it was way over what was anticipated.

Selectman Sundquist reported that the Budget Committee will be meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 and the Public Hearing is scheduled for Feb. 2, at 6:30 pm at the Town House.

Selectman Sundquist stated that they need to do an employee evaluation.

Selectman Sundquist stated that she met with resident John Hoyt in reference to his complaint against Road Agent Jim Bean. Selectman Sundquist asked that if he has proof, then share it with the Board.

Selectman Sundquist stated that some of the 2015 budgets were overspent. ie Executive, Cemeteries, Solid Waste, and the Library. She feels they should keep a closer eye on the expenditures. She feels budgets should be reviewed on a regular basis.

Fire Chief Adam Thompson came back to the meeting and reported that the rescue truck cost would be \$260,000.00 and the ambulance vehicle would be \$165,000.00. Equipment from the current apparatus would be used for these vehicles.

Selectman Wood stated at this time that Road Agent, Jim Bean and Fire Chief Adam Thompson were both treated rudely at the last Budget Meeting. They were questioned and not even given a chance to respond. He was accused of not having a paving schedule. Selectman Wood said there is a paving plan and it is thru 2025.

Budget Committee Chairman Carla Lootens addressed the Board. She apologized for the way people were treated at the last meeting. She is trying to bring things in line. The Committee must be respectful of all.

Selectman Wood presented an updated list of members on the Conservation Commission. He would like to see all Commissions and Board submit an updated list of its members.

At this time Selectman Wood complimented the Conservation Commission on the efforts taken to inform the Tuftonboro residents about the potential health issues w/water. Tuftonboro took an active part in the well water testing. An article is printed in the "Journal of Environmental Health" about the work done in Tuftonboro. Selectmen stated that they should be proud of the job done by the commission and the people of Tuftonboro that had their water tested.

Two PA-34's were reviewed.

Executive Councilor Joe Kenney's calendar and schedule was submitted for their review.

Newsletters from "The New Hampshire Civil Engineer" and "NH Lakes Association" were received.

The Ambulance Contract from Stewarts Ambulance was submitted for approval. Selectman Sundquist made a motion to approve and sign the contract in the amount of \$183,060.00 from Jan. 1, 2016 thru Dec. 31, 2018. Selectman Wood seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectman Wood stated that the Tuftonboro Times has done a good job.

Selectman Wood asked the status of the Town Report. Martha said the reports are coming in. He asked when the deadline is. She said she requested the reports be in by 1-22-16. She will call and get a deadline date for the printers.

Selectman Sundquist asked when the surveys from the Planning Board would be mailed out. No one knew.

Carla Lootens thanked Selectman Sundquist for pointing out the difference between a lease purchase and a bond or bank financing.

The Selectman received a letter from Jerry Hammer of 188 Middle Rd. informing them that the pit on this property is being closed.

At 5:30 pm being no further business Selectman Wood made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Sundquist seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Eldridge
Administrative Secretary