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Selectmen's Meeting
4:00 pm – Town Office

Monday, March 27, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Selectman Lloyd Wood, Selectman Bill Marcussen, Selectman Chip Albee and Administrative Secretary Karen Koch.

Selectman Wood called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman Wood welcomed Selectman Albee to the Board. Selectman Marcussen moved to elect Selectman Wood Chairman of the Board, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor.

Mark Howard met with the Selectmen to share an overview of road projects. He shared that the three main road projects that he's been working on for Tuftonboro with the NH Department of Transportation (DOT) are the Rt. 109 flooding issue around the narrows, the Rt. 109 and Rt. 109A intersection, and snow removal at Tuftonboro Corners. All three programs which had been included in the Lakes Region Planning Commission Transportation Improvement Program (LRPC-TIP) have been resubmitted as they were submitted previously but were deemed low in priority. Mr. Howard will meet this Wednesday at 10:30 with NH DOT personnel, CR Willeke and Bill Rollins, and State Representative Cordelli to look at the flooding issue at the narrows. Anyone is welcome to attend. It was agreed that Chairman Wood would attend this meeting to represent the Board. Mr. Howard shared that Route 171 is not listed as a federal aid eligible road and is no **longer** on the state priority list; although he is unsure of the reason. He shared that the State's ten year road plan has also been changed as the DOT has been tasked to reduce fatalities in the State and base priorities on statistics. Therefore Tuftonboro roads become low in priority.

Selectman Marcussen moved to approve the March 14, 2017 public minutes as corrected, seconded by Chairman Wood. Motion passed 2-0. Selectman Albee abstained.

Selectman Albee moved to unseal the first March 14, 2017 non-public minutes, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor. Selectman Marcussen moved to approve the same non-public minutes as written, seconded by Chairman Wood. Motion passed 2-0. Selectman Albee abstained.

Selectman Albee moved to unseal the second March 14, 2017 non-public minutes, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor. Selectman Marcussen moved to approve the same non-public minutes as written, seconded by Chairman Wood. Motion passed 2-0. Selectman Albee abstained.

Selectman Albee moved to unseal the third March 14, 2017 non-public minutes, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor. Selectman Marcussen moved to approve the same non-public minutes as written, seconded by Chairman Wood. Motion passed 2-0. Selectman Albee abstained. Selectman Albee shared that he reviewed some of the past non-public minutes and requested that a meeting be scheduled to review unsealing some of those minutes.

Chief Thompson gave the Fire Department update. Please see attached for further information. Selectman Albee agreed to look at a tree (on possible Town property near 47 Union Wharf Road) that was reported to the Fire Department as being of concern. There was discussion regarding improvements to be made to the Emergency Management Plan. It was agreed that it would be helpful to have a work session/debriefing to go over emergency

management. In regards to Storm Stella, Chairman Wood read into the record a Laconia Daily Sun Article dated March 25, 2017 written by Seth Wheeler of NH Electric Coop and a thank you letter to Chief Shagoury from Carolyn Kedersha.

Chief Shagoury gave the Police Department update. He gave an update on Storm Stella, including the obstacle of not being able to submit State reports about the storm due to internet outages. He read aloud into the record a corrected press release regarding a single vehicle accident on 109A on March 24, 2017. He asked that anyone with information regarding missing utility wire (that was coiled up on the side of the road in Melvin Village) to please report it to the Police Department. April 29, 2017 will be drug take back at the Transfer Station from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. On March 29, 2017 there will be Naloxone (generic Narcan) training in Conway. This is open to the public and more information will be on the Police Department's Facebook page. There will be a county wide meeting on May 16, 2017 in Sandwich for treatment provider updates, etc. Chief Shagoury shared information regarding a meeting he attended at the NH Department of Safety regarding FirstNet, a federal program used to provide emergency responders with a nationwide, high-speed, broadband network dedicated to public safety. He shared that New Hampshire put out a RFP for Rivada, an alternate to FirstNet. He shared similarities and differences for each program. Chairman Wood read into the record information regarding Rivada and shared information regarding an upcoming Northern Border Grant System briefing session. Chief Shagoury plans to have the new cruiser package put together in the next couple of weeks.

Selectman Marcussen moved to approve the MS-232, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor.

Chairman Wood read a memo from Karen Koch which included advice from the Department of Revenue as to how to best approach new intents to excavate for active gravel pits that don't have a permit. Selectman Albee raised the concern of signing these documents when a permit is not on record. After some discussion, Selectman Albee moved to table these intents to excavate, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor.

Selectman Marcussen moved to approve a Veteran's Credit for PID 2-1-30, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor. Selectman Marcussen moved to approve a Veteran's Credit for PID 42-2-4, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor. Selectman Marcussen moved to approve a Veteran's Credit for PID 56-2-5, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor. Selectman Albee moved to approve a Yield Tax Levy for PID 15-1-24, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor. Selectman Marcussen moved to approve a Yield Tax Levy for PID 33-1-5, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor.

Selectman Marcussen moved to approve an order for 3 cases of blue bags to be provided free of charge by NH the Beautiful for the Town Clean Up Day (April 22, 2017), seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor.

Selectman Albee moved to approve a Gravel Tax Levy for PID 32-2-6, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor.

Selectman Marcussen moved to approve a Supplemental Warrant for betterment tax for road repairs to Zadedda Farm, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor.

The Selectmen signed a thank you letter addressed to the Students and Parents of Tuftonboro Central School.

Selectman Marcussen moved to approve an intent to cut for PID 4-1-1, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor.

Chairman Wood read aloud new and past correspondence in regards to gravel pit closure for PID 55-1-16. People's Bank asked for confirmation that the property at this location is no longer an active gravel pit and that the Town will not require any future remediation. Selectman Marcussen raised the concern that it should be verified that no remediation will be required prior to signing the letter. Selectman Marcussen moved to table the decision, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor.

It was agreed to invite Ben Ladd to the next Selectmen's meeting before approving the Mirror Lake Boat Launch improvements paperwork.

Chairman Wood shared that Jack Parsons was agreeable to manage both the Mirror Lake and Lake Road Boat ramp projects. It was agreed to ask Mr. Parson's to put the RFP together for the Lake Road ramp.

The following correspondence was also reviewed: Council Kenney Report and schedule; Building Permit for PID 52-2-1; DES Letter regarding PID 27-1-10; Newslink 3/15/17; NH Energy email regarding funding for biomass feasibility; memo regarding Right to Know requests; LES March newsletter; wetlands permit by notification for PID 40-3-4; NHMA 2017 supplement to 2016 Town Meeting and School Meeting Handbook; ACEC-NH 2017 Engineering Excellence Awards information; VNH Charity Golf Tournament information; LRPC roundtable discussion information on Solid Waste Disposal 3/30/17; VNH Outstanding Volunteer Manager of the Year nomination information; Bureau of Education and Training upcoming course information; various flood hazard information; UNH Technology Transfer Center Spring Training Calendar; NHMA Legislative Bulletin 3/17/17 and 3/25/17; PA-34 for PID 69-2-31; Energy Star upcoming registry enhancements; email in regards to FEMA rule change for disaster reimbursements; NH Lakes 3/25/17 newsletter; solar energy follow up email; memo from Diane Falcey regarding extra projects; various meeting minutes; various emails and other correspondence.

Selectman Marcussen shared that he will be attending a workshop on Friday in regards to use of Town roads in terms of planning and development. He also noted that the Planning Board and Energy Committee both need new members. Selectman Albee raised a question regarding Class VI road requirements, particularly in regards to Sandy Knoll Road. It was agreed that Selectman Marcussen could research Class VI road requirements while attending the road workshop.

Selectman Albee shared that he feels that the public perception that the government is running behind closed doors is amplified by not having frequent meetings. He also feels that transparency on upcoming meeting items and decisions that may be made at those meetings is important. He suggested releasing the 91-A meeting minutes from last year and suggested making decisions on some of the Town's legal issues (particularly Brown Road and Sandy Knoll Road).

Chairman Wood shared items that he would like addressed at the next meeting(s) such as board committee assignments, meeting schedule and 91-A performance reports. Chairman Wood shared that the Regional Neighbor Communities next roundtable meeting will take place at the Tuftonboro Central Fire Station in April.

During public input, Sue Weeks suggested that Selectmen's meetings be posted as Selectmen's meetings rather than work sessions, etc. Joe Kowalski shared items of concern in regards to Storm Stella. Max Ledoux shared Narcan training information that was posted to the Police Department's Facebook. Elissa Paquette added to the conversation sharing that there are lots of Narcan training opportunities available in the area.

At 6:05 pm, Selectman Marcussen moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Koch, Administrative Secretary

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Fire Calls	59	Gas Furnace Inspection	06
EMS Calls	68	Oil Burner Inspection	02
Service Calls	23	Wood/Pellet Stove Inspections	01
SPD	04	Life Safety	02
Total	154		11

Since the last selectman's meeting our airboat has been out 4 more times for ice related emergencies. We would again like to remind everyone that the ice is not safe to be on. The snow that we have received is hiding areas that are unsafe. If you must be out on the ice please make sure you have some type of flotation.

The winter storm Stella hit our area hard over a 15 hour period. The storm caused wide spread damage though out the town of Tuftonboro. At one point during the storm most of Tuftonboro main travel roads were shut own dues to trees and wires also causing wide spread power outages.

The Tuftonboro Fire Rescue departed worked with the Tuftonboro Highway Dept, NH Dot, Tuftonboro Police department and NH Coop to keep roadway open for emergencies that took placing during and after the storm. During the height of the storm we responded to 39 calls.

The Tuftonboro School was not setup up as a shelter because it had furnace issue during the storm. Once the building was powered by the emergency Management Generator the problem was found and repaired quickly by GWRSD maintance department. School was delayed on Wednesday for 2 hours but was not cancelled. Later that evening it was used for town meeting.

The area has not seen a winter storm that has had such high winds in a long time. The conditions of the snow storm and the extensive damage to home and power lines by falling trees has seriously effected most residence of Tuftonboro for multiple days.

Camp Sentinel opened its lodge to folks who need a place to go and stay until power and access to there home could be restored. As most people are very hesitant to leave there home it was found that most would not call for assistance or could not call for assistance because there communications and ravel access had been cut of to the outside world by multiple trees and wires falling on there road.

As time went on and the power outage continued several residents in town who depend on oxygen or have medical issue were assisted from there home. If you are on home oxygen please call the Tuftonboro Central Station at 569-3381 so that we can put you on a list.

All residence that had to leave there home do to power outages are now back home safe. There were no reported injuries from this storm in Tuftonboro.

It was asked of me if I felt it was time to divide the job of emergency management out from my current duties. At this time I do not. The job is being handled and the issue we had during this north east snow and wind storm was one I was cut off in the Melvin Village response area operations with equipment from the Melvin Village Station along with a fire fighter from that area. We were limited on man power because members were tied up working due to the snowstorm. We had problems with letting people know what roads were closed or open because it changed from min to min.

We will work on finding a better way of letting the people know how long the power will be out. Do to the power outage, and cable outage it was hard to keep people updated once we found it was going to be an extended time units went into areas that we were cut off due to trees and wires down and went house to house. We currently work on updating the town's emergency management plan. This plan needs to be kept updated every five years.

The departments new rescue truck is in service. The departments old rescue truck is almost ready to put out to bid.

The gentleman that owns 47 Union Wharf Road stopped by the Central Station and advised that there is a pine tree that he believes is on town property that is near his residence that he feels should be taken down.