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Selectmen's Meeting Town Offices – 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 01, 2016

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Daniel J. Duffy, Selectman Carolyn Sundquist, Selectman Lloyd Wood, Administrative Secretary Martha B. Eldridge, and four (4) 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 01/25/16 as corrected. Selectman Wood seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Code Officer Jack Parsons came in to give the department's monthly report. Three permits were issued, one new house, and 24 inspections done. Jack installed a dock for the ice eaters at mount at Union Wharf to help prevent ice damage.

Road Agent Jim Bean came in to give the department's monthly report. The department treated the roads on seven occasions. The sand pile has been re-stocked. He has been working on limb cutting. Selectman Wood stated that he works with the School District and has heard from bus drivers that Tuftonboro has the best roads in the County. Selectmen Wood stated that they are very fortunate to have Jim Bean and Adam Thompson on staff.

Transfer Station Supervisor Clay Gallagher came in to give the department's monthly report. Clay reported that the 2015 YTD total revenue is approximately \$70,000.00. He has completed two personnel evaluation and they are filed. The annual DES Facility Report is complete and has been submitted for 2015. The budget for 2016 is completed. He will be monitoring SW and C/D tonnage in 2016 and adjust the budget next year if it is still going higher. The landfill monitoring requirements needed to be signed as well as the proposed work agreement. Clay will be attending the public hearing for the Budget Committee on 2-2-16. He reported that residents like the new recycling changes. The amount of bailing being done has increased by 60%. All is going well with the snowmobile club trailer. The annual maintenance on all machines is completed. He has changed the company dealing with scrap metal. They are more dependable and cheaper. He will be keeping a close watch on his budget in 2016.

The Warrant Articles for the Rescue Vehicle and the Ambulance Vehicle were discussed. Selectman Wood made a motion to approve the article: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for an amount not to exceed \$260,000.00 for the purpose of leasing a Rescue Vehicle for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54, 641.00 for the first year's payment for the that purpose.

This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Selectman Wood stated that if both articles are approved the interest rate would be 2.454 and could be used in leasing. Selectman Sundquist seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectman Wood made a motion to approve this article. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for an amount not to exceed \$165,000.00 for the purpose of leasing an Ambulance for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,775.00 for the first year's payment for that purpose. The lease agreement contains an escape clause. Selectman Sundquist seconded. Selectman Wood stated that Tuftonboro needs new vehicles and four-wheel-drive. Clay Gallagher stated that he has needed an ambulance three different times and one doesn't know how important they are until you need one. He was amazed at how quick they respond and the good work they do. Carla Lootens stated that budget committee wasn't necessary against the ambulance, they just wanted more information. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board numbered the warrant articles.

The Board signed a check to the NH Wetlands Board for the Lang Pond Rd. project.

The contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. was presented for signature. This is for the 2016 Water Quality and Landfill Gas Monitoring. Selectman Sundquist made a motion to sign this contract. Selectmen Wood seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An abatement application for property located on Tax Map 55 Lot 1-16 was presented. Selectman Sundquist made a motion to approve and sign the request.

Selectman Wood expressed concern about the Hammer property being reclaimed. Selectman Wood stated that he will check with Jack Parsons, Planning Board member to find out the process for reclamation. Selectman Wood seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for a Veteran's Tax Credit was received for property located on Map 42 Lot 2-4 was submitted. The applicant did not meet the necessary requirements for credit. Selectman Sundquist made a motion to table this application as there was a question as to whether or not the selectmen need to sign it.

Two timber tax warrants were returned to be corrected.

Selectman Sundquist made a motion to increase the Assessing Budget from \$43,948.00 to \$44,620.00 due to the Assessor contract. Selectman Wood seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a "thank you" letter Jack Drinkwater of the Medication Bridge program. Selectman Wood stated that one member of the Budget Committee referred to non-profits as Extortion. Selectman Wood submitted a document showing that "Medication Bridge has provided \$275 million in prescriptions for over 16,000 individuals throughout the State. Selectman Wood also stated that Chapter 4 Section 12 of the Town's Master Plan recommends the Town support the work of its non-profits.

Budget Committee Helen Hartshorn has made graphs (regarding town appropriations and expenditures) that the Budget Committee would like to have printed in the Town Report. After a short discussion, Selectman Sundquist made a motion to have both graphs printed in the Town Report. Chairman Duffy seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board discussed changing the time for the Selectmen's Meetings. No decision was made at this time.

Selectman Wood asked if the reports for the Town report are in. Martha Eldridge stated that there some that she hasn't received yet. She sent out a friendly reminder today to those who have not yet sent theirs in. She received five after that message. Selectman Sundquist said she has the picture for the cover and will get it to Martha.

Selectman Wood commented that the timber tax issue is a work in progress.

Selectman Sundquist stated that she went on the State web-site for bridge work and aid. As of Oct. 30, 2014 we are not on the list. It has been in for project cost analysis since then. The information will be passed on to the road agent.

Selectman Sundquist reported that there are a couple of bills coming up in legislature that could affect municipalities Towns could be picking up the liability for injuries. The Board asked Martha to contact our State Representatives and invite them to the next Selectmen's Meeting. (Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Town House)

Selectman Wood stated that the rate for mileage from the Federal Government for the year 2016 is \$.54.

Chairman Duffy reported that they have four candidates for the Budget Committee and one candidate for Selectman for the coming Town election.

The Board received a notice from NHMA regarding the disposal of legal files that are held by them.

Selectman Wood presented information regarding incentives for Conservation Easements donations.

The Board received an update from Josh McAllister, of HEB Engineers regarding the Lang Pond Rd. project.

The Electronic copies policy has been updated and will be on the agenda for review next week.

The Board received an e-mail from NH-DES with warning of the microbeads danger and plastics into our environment.

The GWRSD agenda for 2-01-16 was received. The meeting for tonight is scheduled to be in Effingham at 7:00 pm.

At 5:30 pm Selectman Sundquist made a motion to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91A:3II c. Chairman Duffy seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. The Board was polled. Chairman Duffy voted yes. Selectman Sundquist voted yes. Selectmen Wood voted yes.

At 5:35 pm Chairman Duffy re-opened the regular meeting.

Chairman Duffy had written the annual report for the town report and asked the Board members to review it and comment. Selectman Wood felt strong that the Police Department should get credit for the bravery of their department. The Board decided to re-do the report and review it again.

At 5:40 pm being no further business Selectman Wood made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Sundquist seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Eldridge Administrative Secretary