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Selectmen's Meeting
4:00 pm - Town Offices

Monday, August 7, 2017

MINUTES

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

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance. During public input, Chris Sawyer asked when road work will be done on Federal Corner Road. Chairman Wood noted that the Selectmen will be meeting with the Road Agent on Friday and will put the question on the agenda. Max Ledoux stated that discussion of personnel matters in non-public session is only proper for employees and not appointees. Selectman Albee pointed out that non-public session is proper for dealing with matters of personal reputation.

The Selectmen met with Chief Thompson in regards to the ambulance billing contract. Review of the proposed contract raised a number of questions regarding terms and conditions, including provisions for charging interest, assignment, non-compete and venue for settlement of disputes. The Chief will review these issues with the vendor for clarification and revision as he moves forward in the process. Currently, 13 towns in New Hampshire are using this vendor for ambulance billing services.

In discussion of mutual aid, Chief Thompson noted that Tuftonboro's participation dates to 1994, when Town Meeting voted to adopt the provisions of RSA 154:24. Mutual aid is provided between and among communities without charge. Although our equipment responds to out of town incidents, we also have access to equipment such as a ladder truck and heavy rescue that is not in our inventory. The Chief indicated that all out of town responses by our ambulance have been to incidents requiring multiple ambulances.

Selectman Marcussen moved to approve the 7/24/17 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor. Selectman Albee moved to approve the 7/28/17 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor. Selectman Marcussen moved to approve the 7/24/17 non-public meeting minutes as written, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor.

Selectman Albee moved to approve an intent to cut for PID 45-4-39, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor. Selectman Marcussen moved to approve a Veteran's Tax Credit and a Service-Connected Total Disability Tax Credit for PID 58-1-11, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor. Selectman Albee moved to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Lakes Region Planning Commission in regards to electricity purchase, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor.

Selectman Marcussen moved to take the funds for the cleanup of 4 Old Woods Road out of the "Other Property Maintenance" account, seconded by Selectman Albee with all in favor.

Chairman Wood highlighted receipt of notification that, in Accordance with RSA 235:23, the town's Highway Block Grant Aid for 2018 will be \$83,578.44.

In receipt of a letter from the Trustees of the Trust Funds declining the use of the Library Capital Reserve Fund to pay for the current library expansion design study, Selectman Marcussen noted that the issue appears to be that wording in the authorizing article restricts use to a "New Library." Selectman Albee moved to rescind the Board's earlier vote to pay

current design costs from the Library Capital Reserve Fund, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor. In subsequent discussion, it was noted that the town has an obligation to pay for these costs and must find an alternate funding source. The Board agreed to invite the Library Trustees to the 8/14 meeting to discuss the issue further.

The following correspondence was also reviewed: Building Permit applications for PID 29-3-5 and 51-3-19; Planning Board resignations from Steve Brinser, John Lapolla, Fenton Varney, Tony Triolo, and Ed Meier; Councilor Kenney's 8/3/17 Report; NH Department of Safety meeting invitation; memo from the Trustees of the Trust Funds regarding the Library Capital Reserve Fund; update on the Transfer Station Internet connectivity; PA-34s for PID 38-1-60 and 51-3-8; NHDES Instream Flow Rules meeting info; Bureau of Education and Training newsletter August 2017; culvert inventory update; US District Court Notice of Excess property; correspondence from the Attorney General's office; Lakeside Summer 2017 newsletter; ZBA Hearing Notice; Primex workshop information; DES water supply correspondence; EnergyStar training opportunities; NHMA Legislative Bulletin 7/27/17; NHDES Ecolink July 2017; DES letter regarding Wetland Minimum Impact Forestry Notification File #2017-02181; HMGP LOIs; Wetlands Permit Application for PID 38-3-1; Steinmans Summons and Complaint; US Cellular business information; Newslink 8/2/17; UNH Training Calendar Fall 2017; various meeting minutes; various emails and other correspondence.

In public input, Max Ledoux asked why the town was spending money to clean up the Old Woods Road property. It was explained that it is to correct a health and safety issue.

At 5:15 pm, Selectman Marcussen moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectmen Albee with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Marcussen, Selectman