

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2015

Board Present: Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, Elmer Savage, Jim Justice and Sara Moore:

Also Present: Joel Moore, John Gibbons, Beth Birmingham and Joseph Patricia:

1. **Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order:** by Chair at 6:30PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** given by all who wished.
3. **Public Comment:** Jim asked for a sign to be put at the curve on Clarry Hill Rd. coming in from Rt. 235 indicating how severe the curve is. Jay said there used to be a sign up there. He also asked for a no Jake brake sign as it is a residential area with a lot of houses and kids. Jay said the trucks have the right to use the Jake brakes it's a safety issue for trucks. Lyle reported he will not be heading up Founder's Day this year but will help Dave Shaub keep the calendar for Founder's Day activities.
4. **Approve Minutes of December 16, 2014:** Motion by James Justice to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by Sara Moore. Unanimous.
5. **Discussion and Vote on charging a fee for Notary Services:** Jay noted we have just spent some \$60/70 for Notary Supplies. We have two notaries here in the office most people charge notary fees we do not. Jay suggests a fee of \$2.00 for notary services. It will at least pay for the supplies that we use to notarize documents. The exemption would be the other Municipalities and Organizations that do reciprocals for us when no one is in the office
Motion by Elmer Savage to approve \$2.00 Notary Fee.
Seconded by Greg Grotton. Three for. (Greg Grotton, Elmer Savage and Lyle Cramer.) Two against. (James Justice and Sara Moore.)
6. **Approve Ambulance Budget:** Greg commented the Board has already gone through it. Jay said assessments are the same. The Town of Hope asked The Town of Union if we would provide Service to the whole Town of Hope and what the approximate cost would be. Jay told them it would be up to this

Board whether they even wanted to consider that. Jay noted this budget will include Hope doing half of their Town just like we have this year for next year. They are committed to that at this point. Any additional if for some reason they made that decision and wanted us to do all of Hope and this Board agreed to it then the Assessments would change. It doesn't matter at this point we are doing it the way it was their contract kicked back in on January 1st. they are supposed to sign off on it right off. The Board can approve this contract right now and Hope is committed to it. Jim Justice asks to increase the Ambulance Budget by \$2,000. His reason is both Acting Ambulance Director Jesse Thompson and his Assistant Director Willis Gammon are doing an excellent job. He asked the Board to consider adding a \$2,000 stipend for Willis. The Directors current stipend is \$4,000 with no budget for the assistant. Jim asked that we keep the two of them on for six months as temporary to see what kind of a job they can do. The Board agreed to add the \$2,000 additional stipend which will change the carryover for the following year but keep the assessments the same and table creating an assistant Director position until the director vacancy is filled. Motion by Lyle Cramer to approve \$194,600 Ambulance Budget. Seconded by Elmer Savage. Unanimous.

7. **Discussion and vote on using 1k from Ambulance Equipment Reserve:** Jay reported they had planned on buying radios as they were all bought at the same time. Our plan is not to have to buy them all in one year. We do need to replace them right now because we have people out there whose radios are not working. Motion made by James Justice to approve \$1,000 from Ambulance Equipment Reserve for radio purchase. Seconded by Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
8. **Selectmen Goals and TM goals for 2015:** Jay explained the original goal of that whole exercise that we did was that every Board member has a say in something that is going on in the next twelve months. Even if something didn't get a lot of votes every Board member gets something that will be put on the agenda for you folks to decide whether to continue with it or not. The Board members who proposed the item can speak sell it and you may say yes go ahead and work on this or you may say no and let's just forget about it. There were a lot of TCC issues Jay tried to incorporate into the Recreational issues.
9. **Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated January 7, 2015:** Motion by James Justice to sign Treasurer's Warrant. Seconded by Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
10. **Other Business:** Jay asked the Board to approve a Farm Space Penalty withdrawal of four acres at the request of owner Erik Admundsen in the amount of \$2,232.24. Motion by Lyle Cramer to approve the Farm Space Penalty. Seconded by James Justice. Unanimous.

11. **Town Manager's Report:** Jay provided the Board with a draft of the audit. Once Jay signs off on it we should have the final in about 30 days. In 2016 we will have to have a new Comprehensive Plan. We need to get started on this and we need volunteers who want to be on the Comprehensive Plan Committee so we can have it ready for the 2016 Town Meeting.
12. **Selectmen's Report:** Jim reported rentals are up at the Thompson Community Center.
13. **Future Agenda Items:** There was none.
14. **Adjourn:** Motion by James Justice to adjourn at 7:30PM. Seconded by Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on January 20, 2015 with the following amendments.