

MINUTES

SELECTMAN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

William Pullen Building Meeting Room

6:30 PM

Selectman Present: Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, Jim Justice, John Shepard, Sarah Drickey

Others present: Jay Feyler, Budget Committee Members: John Gibbons, Terry Bracket, Barry Norris, Bruce Cobb, Dan Day, Howard Butler, Orrin Parker, Elesha Lee, Lori Carlson, Matt Elwell, Mac Stewart, Bruce Bennett, Dounda Bennett, Ann Johnson, Kevin Soule, Mryna Soule, Eric Munson, Martha Johnston Nash

1. Call Selectmen's meeting to order: 6:30 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Public Comment:

4. Approve minutes of March 6, 2018:

Motion by: John Shepard

2nd by: Lyle Cramer

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5. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated March 20, 2018:

Discussion: John asked about Allstate Asphalt, and if that is a monthly fee. Jay stated it is the fee from the additional sand delivered a month and a half ago. John also about the Public Works expense. That being for repairs to the radiator for the Volvo.

Motion by: Lyle Cramer

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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6. Thompson Community Center president request to make repairs:

Matt Elwell updated the Board: stating the chair lift has been fixed and inspected by the state. It will be in full operation once Stanley Elevator comes back to inspect and certify it operational.

Malcolm Stewart was present to speak about painting the front exterior of the building and bleacher evaluation. Painting: Because of lead paint, he is only legally allowed to cover the existing surface. The sample material he presented would be equivalent to a bead board and have an attractive finished look. Bleachers: He stated the bleachers need

extensive work and would not be cost effective to repair. He guesstimated at least \$25-30,000 of work involved.

Matt received quotes for an audit. A *detailed audit*, taking approximately four weeks, about \$8,000. A less detailed audit called a *reviewed financial audit* would be approximately \$2,000. He would like to see a decision made soon so that this can be accomplished. Lori Carlson stated she would like to see a thorough audit done for the TCC. Adding that the Thrift store money is thoroughly tracked and accounted for daily.

Lyle stated that he would like to make sure all the money taken in by the TCC and is recorded and accounted for. Jay asked Matt if a list comparing the audits can be presented. Matt is currently waiting for that list. Greg stated as soon as the Board receives the quotes, they can decide on going forward with the audit.

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to do improvements as listed in proposal
2nd by: John Shepard
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7. Approve letter to TCC – March 12th copy:

Jay stated if approved tonight, it becomes a public document.

Discussion: Sarah stated she cannot sign the letter because the town has been cooperative pertaining to the issues at hand and are trying to meet the Board half way.

Motion by: John Shepard to send the letter

2nd by: Lyle Cramer

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Not an official document until absent Board member votes.

New motion by: Lyle Cramer to send letter to TCC

2nd by: John

Discussion: Sarah feels it needs to be less controversial

3 in favor

2 opposed (Sarah and John)

8. Fire, Public Works, Cemetery budgets:

Cemeteries – 12.87% Brush removal

Public works – 150.00% Training workshops

16.00% Mics.

2.70% Labor

93.33% 2017 Western Star – new tires

100.00% 05' Chevy – several repairs

7.69% Salt – increase in salt prices

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Fire Depart. – 4.00% Training – 5 employees to national fire academy

14.26% Payroll – keep up with minimum wage increase

100.00% Equipment Testing
185.71% Radios – need new pagers, old are not repairable

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9. Remaining budget items:

County Tax - 8.27% assessment increase by county
Social Security - 7.18% reflects raises
Founders Day – 16.67% fee for bounce house
Reserve account – 4.44% Fire truck reserve
8.33% Highway Equip. reserve
Dispatch – 9.04% assessment increase
Retirement Exp. – 7.53%
Group Health Insurance – 75/25% plan
Motion by: Jim Justice to approve the family health insurance plan 75/25
2nd by: Lyle Cramer
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10. Town Manager's Report:

Jay stated that the International is back with additional warranty
Paperwork is signed for the offer on the Payson property. If the Pullen committee votes in favor of funding, the engineer will work with the DEP to complete the paperwork before town meeting.
Budget committee will meet April 11th and 12th at 6:30 p.m.

11. Other Business:

12. Selectmen's Report:

13. Future Agenda Items:

14. Adjourn:

Motion by: Jim Justice
2nd by: Lyle Cramer
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Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Patrick - Secretary

Approved on April 3, 2018.