

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, January 28, 2013

Chairman Kathleen Maloney called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Kathleen M. Maloney, Harry C. Merrow and Robert C. Freeman and Ellen White, Assessing Clerk who recorded the minutes.

Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1/14/2013 Selectmen's Meeting. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for week ending 1/19/2013 was presented in the amount of \$40,752.76 and the accounts payable voucher for 1/19/2013 was presented in the amount of \$108,104.13. Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve these vouchers. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for week ending 1/26/2013 was presented in the amount of \$42,009.15 and the accounts payable voucher for 1/26/2013 in the amount of \$375,413.15. Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve these vouchers. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, submitted a recycling equipment grant application to New Hampshire the Beautiful for the compactor. Merrow questioned Harriman as to whether the compactor would still be on the warrant. Harriman stated that he could not request the total amount of the compactor for the grant, they only grant a percentage. A portion of the \$35,000 from the warrant would come back if the grant is accepted. Selectman Maloney made a motion to sign the application. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the work log from the Highway Department for the weeks ending 1/19/2013 and 1/26/2013.

An Intent to Cut was received from Barbara & Elton Copp to cut 10 acres of a 13.47 acre parcel of land located on map 236, lot 16. The logger listed is Bruce Cragin. A bond in the amount of \$508.55 has been paid and this property does not have a cemetery on it. Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut was received from Fred Heckel III to cut 35 acres of a 176 acre parcel of land located on map 124, lot 25. The logger listed is Roy Barron. The taxes are paid and this property does not have a cemetery on it. Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut was received from Harry Merrow to cut 50 acres of an 87 acre parcel of land located on map 217, lot 21. The logger listed is Harold Cook. The taxes are paid and this property does not have a cemetery on it. Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Selectman Freeman seconded. Selectman Merrow abstained from the vote.

An Intent to Cut was received from Harry Merrow to cut 35 acres of a 43 acre parcel of land located on map 88, lot 1. The logger listed is Harold Cook. The taxes are paid and this property does not have a cemetery on it. Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Selectman Freeman seconded. Selectman Merrow abstained from the vote.

A letter to Brad Harriman was presented to acknowledge his reappointment as member to the Lakes Region Planning Commission through 2016. Selectman Maloney made a motion to sign the letter. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Ossipee Main Street to use the gym at the Town Hall all day on 2/16/2013 for their Penny Sale with setup on the afternoon of 2/15/2013. Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this contract. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A vacation request was submitted. Previously approved by the Town Administrator, Selectman Maloney also approved the request.

An amended Application for Assistance was submitted to reflect suggested changes from the Local Government Center. Selectman Maloney motioned to approve the amended application as submitted. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An invoice previously submitted in the amount of \$11,408 from Choice Computers was resubmitted. It was clarified that it is for the maintenance on the computers and has been budgeted for. Selectman Maloney signed off on the invoice.

The Board received an update from Time Warner Cable.

The Board received a letter from the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council thanking them for their membership renewal of \$300 which qualifies as a charitable contribution.

The Board received a brochure announcing that PSNH will be holding informational breakfasts throughout the State in February and March. This information will be posted by the door.

The Lakes Region Planning Commission submitted the agenda for their meeting in Bridgewater 1/28/2013 at 6 PM.

A Petition and License for Buried Cable Location was submitted by NH Electric Co-op for 2 locations on Thurley Rd. Selectman Maloney made a motion to sign the petition. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A memo was received from Ellen White, Assessing Clerk, informing the Board that an abatement and warrant for map 80, lot 26-30 approved at the Selectmen's Meeting on 1/7/2013 would be rescinded as the taxes were paid in the interim.

An application for Veteran's Credit was submitted for the property located on map 5, lot 48. All requirements were met so Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve the application. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for Service Connected Total and Permanent Disability was submitted for the property located on map 53, lot 79. All requirements were met so Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve the application. Selectman Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for Veteran's Credit was submitted for the property located on map 96, lot 21. Because the applicant didn't serve during a qualifying war or conflict, the applicant is not eligible for the credit. Selectman Maloney made a motion to deny the application. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Selectman Merrow stated there is currently a bill before Legislation that will allow all Veteran's eligibility to receive the credit regardless of serving during a qualifying war time or conflict.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from West Ossipee Fire Department to use 35 chairs for their Annual Meeting on 2/9/2013. Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this contract. Selectman Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Selectman Merrow asked the status of the warrant being drafted by the Town Attorney for the Thurley Rd. bypass. This will be looked into by the Town Administrator.

Covered Bridge - A notice of reward was sent to 3G Construction by Brad Harriman giving them fifteen days to respond. The L-Chip is the only uncertainty at this point. An extension on the grant is in the works.

Selectman Merrow asked Ellen White, Assessing Clerk, about the taxation of County buildings. He attended the County Delegation meeting that morning and they stated that they are taxed on County buildings. Ellen White had looked into this a short time ago and stated that none of the County buildings are taxed, they are exempt. There are parcels of land owned by the County which house the village water system and other farm land that are taxed.

Warrant Articles:

The warrant articles presented for 2013 are \$68,027 less than those raised in 2012.

Selectman Merrow made a motion to take the two cruisers out of surplus. Selectman Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Warrant Article #22, Selectman Merrow would like to extend it over a 2-year period.

Selectman Merrow made a motion that if the Whittier Bridge can wait two years, then cut the Whittier Bridge article in half and apply the other half to the revaluation warrant. If this is not possible, then Article #22 will be approved as is. Selectman Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Taxpayer Robin Chaffee questioned the need for two new cruisers. Selectman Merrow stated that they are replaced when the mileage gets to be over 100,000.

Selectman Merrow moved that all articles be approved with the exception of Article 22. Selectman Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A memo was received from Peter Waugh, Recreation Director, requesting a \$10,000 warrant article for equipment, repairs and improvements. Selectman Merrow moved to approve this as included in prior approved articles. Selectman Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

No New Business

Public Input:

Jo Anne Gayer was introduced as the new Dog Officer.

Robin Chaffee questioned the fact that if he owns one house, why must he buy multiple facility stickers for multiple vehicles. Selectman Merrow stated that each vehicle needed a sticker if it were to be used to transport rubbish to the facility. Chaffee further stated that he did not understand why he had to purchase the stickers if his property taxes already went toward the operation of the recycling facility. Selectman Merrow stated that the income from the sale of the stickers offsets the operational expense of the facility. It was recommended that Mr. Chaffee attend Town Meeting if he wanted to make a change. Since there was no resolution, the discussion was concluded.

Kellie Skehan proposed that the Meet the Candidates night be held on March 4 at 6:30 PM. Selectman Maloney thanked her for the recommendation and all agreed on the date.

Being no further input, Selectman Maloney made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Kathleen M. Maloney

Harry C. Merrow

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 2/4/2013