

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, February 4, 2013

Chairman Kathleen Maloney called the meeting to order at 4:15:30 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 1/28/2013 Selectmen's Meeting. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for week ending 2/2/2013 was presented in the amount of \$102,136.66 and the accounts payable voucher for week ending 1/26/2013 was presented in the amount of \$20,084.17. Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve these vouchers. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Fawn Kutuk to use the gym at the Town Hall all day on 2/24/2013 from 11-4 for a birthday party. Previously approved by Peter Waugh, Recreation Director, Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this contract. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the work log from the Highway Department for the week of 1/28/2013 through 2/2/2013.

A Timber Tax Warrant was received in the amount of \$137.44. Selectman Maloney made a motion to sign the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Merrow. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectman Maloney presented an email she received from Josh Arnold of G.A.L.A. He is requesting permission to distribute compost bins he sells during the weekend of April 20-21 from the Town Hall, Main St. or Transfer Station. Discussion was made that this is also the weekend of Earth Day at the Transfer Station so there would be heavy traffic there. It was agreed that Town Hall would be the best location. Selectman Maloney stated she would respond to let him know.

Brad Harriman stated that Earth Day will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the Transfer Station.

The Board received the Recycling Center Daily Cash Log for January 2013 in the amount of \$2,449.40.

The Animal Shelter Service Agreement was received from Lakes Region Animal Shelter. It will be requested that all areas on the agreement stating "animals" be corrected to "dogs".

An application for Veteran's Credit was submitted for the property located on map 10, lot 4. All requirements were met so Selectman Maloney made a motion to approve the application. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A notice was received from FEMA stating the Town has until March 19 to adopt and approve the flood plain maps. This was previously adopted in a past meeting so no further action will be taken.

Old Business:

A recap of the Budget Committee meeting from January 30 was discussed. Selectman Maloney stated concerns that the Budget Committee \$0 funded the Highway Department's Building Capital Reserve for improvements. Selectman Merrow asked Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, to meet with the Budget Committee prior to the public hearing to provide further explanation. The Benefit Pay Article was not recommended which will create issues with employees intending to retire this year. Article 21 for the Resource Officer at the school was also not recommended. There are two articles that were tabled until the 2/6/13 meeting; the Whittier Covered Bridge which was reduced by half to \$80,000 (with the other \$80,000 going toward the Revaluation Fund for a total of \$160,000) and the second being the Revaluation Article.

Brad Harriman reported that he has a meeting with White Mountain Survey Thursday. He did get approval from the State on the cost structure; he just needs to get a final price for final authorization to get started.

Brad Harriman reported that he spoke with Attorney Sager about the Harris Road bypass. The one person of the five that was against granting Harris Road access has since signed the agreement so all are now in favor. There will be no need to initiate the warrant article to take the road by eminent domain.

Brad Harriman reported that the insulation in the walls and ceiling is complete in the Freight House. Next step is to hang the sheetrock, install the heat then insulate the floor.

Selectman Merrow stated his other concern with cutting the building improvements is because the Welfare Director's office needs to be renovated to comply with the Department of Labor audit.

Selectman Freeman stated he noticed the roof materials had been delivered for the roof at the Transfer Station. He asked when that construction would begin. Brad Harriman responded that it will begin when there is a good week of clear weather, probably closer to spring. Selectman Maloney questioned the water coming in by the electrical panel. Brad Harriman stated that they had sealed it and he will follow up with Ron Davis to see if it is holding in the interim of the roof replacement.

New Business:

Selectman Maloney questioned the status of the Town Report. Ellen White responded that all but two departments; Dam Authority and Lifestar EMS had their reports in and they are in the process of being proofread. As soon as they are back and the corrections are made, they will be sent to

Independent Color Press. Chester “Ski” Kwiatkowski reported that the proofreading is going well. The Selectmen will be choosing a different picture for the Report cover.

Selectman Maloney asked the status of the blankets for Emergency Management. Selectman Freeman stated they are still in the storage closet. Emergency Management does not have the money in their budget to get them properly cleaned. As soon as they are, they will be vacuum packed and put in the Emergency Management trailer. Selectman Freeman further stated that with mutual aid in an emergency situation, the Town is covered.

Selectman Merrow asked the status of the radios. Selectman Freeman stated they had filed for two new licenses from FCC but they only sent one. The second one is in process and until they receive it they can’t do anything further.

Public Input:

Chester “Ski” Kwiatkowski asked if the Welfare office would be moved to the Freight House. Selectman Merrow stated that it was impossible to move her up there for reasons of safety since the building might not always be occupied by other people. “Ski” further asked about whether the building would have a similar setup to the Town Hall with computers. Selectman Merrow stated it will depend on who is placed in the building, what is needed and what they have available for funds.

Roger ter Kuile asked what the plan was for the second floor in the Freight House and whether it would be used for storage. Selectman Merrow stated that there is no plan for using it for storage. He did state that without the sprinkler system, they could use fire-rated file cabinets but as of now there were no plans to use it. Mellisa Seamans questioned whether the Center Ossipee Fire Department had a sprinkler system in their second floor storage area. Selectman Freeman stated that it did not and was grandfathered.

Mellisa Seamans questioned the time of the Budget Committee meeting on Wednesday. It was clarified that the Budget Meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:00 PM and the public hearing will begin at 6:30 PM.

Brad Harriman informed the Board of a rain storm last week that resulted in the closing of Pine Hill Road on Thursday, January 31 for about 6 hours due to an ice dam. Selectman Merrow asked if there was a way to repair that section of the road that was damaged by logging. Brad responded that he has plans to elevate the road about 2 feet to keep the water on one side. Comments were also made about the elevation of the Bearcamp River.

Mellisa Seamans questioned whether the Budget Committee had given any justification for the cuts that were made. Selectman Freeman responded “no comment”. Selectman Merrow responded that the Budget Committee did not get enough information to work with. Selectman Freeman stated it was a late night and they tried to get as much done but would finish up this coming Wednesday.

Chester “Ski” Kwiatkowski questioned the status of the insulation of the floor at the Freight House. Brad Harriman stated that they have to get the heat in to get the temperature up to 50 degrees in order for them to be able to spray foam.

Mellisa Seamans asked how much the road owners were paid to allow access to Harris Road. Selectman Merrow responded with \$1,000 apiece.

She also informed the Board of the County Commissioners’ plan to create a Master Plan for the County. She is looking for volunteers from the Board and community that would be interested in assisting with this project which should be complete in about a year. This will help get the community involved and educated in community government.

Selectman Merrow announced that there were no sign ups for Cemetery Trustee or Budget Committee member. Both he and Selectman Maloney asked to pass the word around for any candidates that may be interested in either position as a write-in.

Selectman Freeman thanked Chester “Ski” Kwiatkowski for proofreading the Town Report.

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

Adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Kathleen M. Maloney

Harry C. Merrow

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 2/11/2013