

Minutes for Selectboard Meeting

January 6, 2016 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were the following: Kyle Russell, John Carson, Tom Breitweg, Randy Davis, Doug Franklin.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Access: Mark & Kim McCue were present to discuss trimming done at the tree line on the edge of their property located at 509 Durham Bridge Rd. Mr. McCue read from a prepared statement as to his versions of events on the day in question. He presented information he was given by the State regarding tree trimming on easements as opposed to rights-of-way. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Breitweg thanked him and informed him that no decisions would be made tonight but that the board would address these allegations in the appropriate measure.

Randy Davis stated that he was approached with the suggestion for Howard Seavey for the Town Report dedication. Members will make the final decision at the next board meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from 12/16/2015: **Motion to approve, Davis/Carson, unanimous.**

- b. Communications:

1. Budget Committee: **Motion to appoint current slate of budget committee members for 2016, Davis/Russell, unanimous. Motion to set budget committee meeting for January 19th at 6:00 p.m., Carson/Davis, unanimous.**

2. Town Meeting election: The elementary school will not be available for the election in March, so voting will take place at the NCC. Town meeting on Saturday will be held at the elementary school.

3. Proposed new profile for Transfer Station: TM demonstrated the proposed new profile for the transfer station. This new 'drive through' concept will change the orientation of traffic, except for commercial haulers. It will correct drainage problems and will just be a simple amendment to our current license.

4. Old Business

a. Public Safety furniture & IT: Members were previously given spreadsheets on items needed. **Motion to approve the expenditure of \$69,288.00 for furnishings and IT recommendations as presented, Franklin/Russell, unanimous.**

b. Update on Police Negotiations: TM advised board that the Union wants to go to mediation. Town is responsible for 50% of the cost of mediation. The voting members did not vote for this. The Union representative, Jack Parlan pushed this through without a vote of the membership. He wants guaranteed 25 year step increases, a 7 man department and 4 hours paid time for the shop steward. Upon receipt of funds from both the Town and the Union, the date will be set for mediation.

5. New Business

a. Public Hearing on Parking & Traffic Control Ordinance amendments: **Motion to open public hearing at 7:00 p.m., Davis/Franklin, unanimous.** Discussion followed regarding adding "No Jake Brake" signs at the same time we add signs against through truck traffic. Clerk informed the board members that the original parking ordinance was revised to incorporate traffic control. Discussion identified the streets to be included in the "No Through Truck Traffic" delineation. **Motion to close public hearing at 7:10 p.m., Davis/Franklin, unanimous. Motion to place jake brake signs at strategic locations in town, Davis/Franklin, unanimous. Motion to approve changes to the Parking & Traffic Control ordinance, Franklin/Davis, unanimous.**

b. Police Budget Review: TM precluded this discussion by informing board members of the preliminary fund balance at the end of 2015, in the amount of \$1,586,581.66. Police Department budget request is at \$554,617.00. Discussion followed on 2015 actual budget as compared to the 2016 preliminary budget. **Motion to approve \$554,617.00, Franklin/Russell, unanimous.**

6. Warrant: **Motion to approve the warrant presented for \$19,412.25 Davis/Carson, unanimous. Motion to approve the two EOY warrants in the amount of \$85,233.85 and \$27,480.80 respectively, Davis/Franklin, unanimous.**

7. Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Franklin/Davis, unanimous.**

8. **Motion to reconvene: Franklin/Davis, unanimous.** Discussion on TM and Police chief pay increases. **Motion for 2% increases to both pay rates, Franklin/Carson, unanimous.**

9. **Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., Russell/Carson, unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula A. Scott, CCM

Municipal Clerk