

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2020

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees included Christopher Madden, Chairman of Selectmen, Charles Fosberry, Selectman, Robert Fee, Selectman, James Coffey, Town Administrator, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 Harry Power, Permits – No Permits. Harry reported that he had written a letter to Sheri Williams concerning the cutting of several large trees encroaching shore land. She has not responded. So Harry is sending a letter to Jeff, Land Enforcement Manager, to have him investigate the situation.

7:30 Mikki Falcone, Highland Lake Association/Mailboxes – Mikki Falcone and Mike Gallagher expressed concern over the cost to move the mail boxes at the end of Kings Highway due to the needed culvert replacement project. They estimated it would cost \$12,500 for replacing the boxes with cluster boxes. The Highland Lake Association is considering moving the boxes to the side approaching the end of Kennedy Brook Drive. The Association is asking the Selectmen if they would include their mail box costs to the project. Jim Coffey explained that the town will be applying for a grant to cover part of the cost of the culvert replacement. The whole replacement could be between \$200,000 and \$300,000. Jim said the project is earmarked to start after July 1st.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

Bob Fee reported that he had been approached concerning E911 and Road naming due to be started this spring in the Merriwoode Village @ 2665 Valley Road. Jim Coffey said the Merriwoode Village buildings will be numbered by state technicians using GPS.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest
3. Minutes of February 3, 2020
4. Minutes of February 10, 2020
5. CAI Tax Map & Street Numbering Contracts
6. 2020 U.S. Census Boundary Validation
7. Town Hall / Age in Motion
8. Washington Hazardous Waste Agreement
9. Payroll Authorization

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Steve McGerty asked when the budget and warrant articles are due to be submitted. He explained that the leaking hot water heater needs to be replaced and he presented 2 bids for the job from Mirle Cross and Irving Energy. Jim Coffey will check to see where the money can be taken from to fund the replacement.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Disposition of Doll House – Jim Coffey read a letter from Dr. Wellwood asking that the town turn over the Doll House to the Rex Rodanas family, who own the house the doll house was modeled from. The Selectmen had no problem turning the house over the Rodanas's.

2. Discuss Kings Highway grant potential with 7:30 appointment – see above.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Invoice from Firematic for \$786.91 – Steve Mc Gerty was asked what Altair CO meters were. The answer was they measure the amount of CO that the wearer is being exposed to. The invoice is for 4 meters. The Selectmen approved the purchase.

2. DOT Bridge Inspection Report – Jim Coffey reported that the State is requiring an E2 designation be posted on the North Shore Road and to post the bridge as a one lane bridge. There was no recommendation for further posting on the Shedd Hill Bridge.

3. Deeded property issue, 418-010 # 11 Assessor Tammy Jamison discovered that two pieces of property on Aten Road were taken for non-payment of taxes. The deed pertaining to the pieces was recorded on 2/10/2020 even though they were purchased on 8/26/2015. Jim Coffey will contact the purchaser, Andrew Demasi to explain the problem. He has 3 years to purchase back the properties from the town for the cost of taxes and fees.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. ZBA Minutes

2. Town Meeting Handbook – the 2020/2021 issue is available for reading.

3. Letter from Harry Power to Sherri Williams – see above under Harry Power.

ADJOURN: Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to adjourn at 8:00, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Charles Fosberry

Christopher Madden

Robert Fee

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