

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2016

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

Attendees included John Halter, Selectman Chair, Stephen McGerty, Selectman, Margo Santoro, Selectperson, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 - Harry Power – none – recorded a portion of the meeting

7:15 - Joe Sarcione – "Follow-up" – Joe wanted to know why, since November 4, 2016, there was not letter or pictures sent to him indicating that Shannon Sarcione's name had been removed from all Fire Department Vehicles. Steve McGerty told Joe that the Forest Truck had the name covered up and the other vehicles had the name removed. Joe Sarcione remarked that in 5 weeks nothing was sent to him indicating the removal process had been completed. Steve McGerty asked for 1 week to get the Forest Truck to a body shop to remove all reference to Shannon Sarcione. Joe agreed to that time line. Margo Santoro asked about the Shannon Sarcione Memorial Fund, which raised enough money to award 2 scholarships this year. Joe Sarcione agreed to leave that fund as is for now.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty told the board he wanted to investigate having a wall mounted, LP gas heater installed in the Fire Department Meeting Room to provide a more cost effective heating solution. It was noted that November of 2015 electric was a bit over \$300. And November of 2016 was over \$600. The meeting room is electrically heated at the present time.

2. John Halter called for a Non-Public Session to discuss pending legal issues (RSA 91-A: 2II (e)) at 8:01:

John Halter – yes

Steve McGerty – yes

Margo Santoro – yes

The board voted to come out of the Non-Public Session at 8:20:

John Halter – yes

Steve McGerty – yes

Margo Santoro – yes

John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session indefinitely, the board approved.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of December 12, & November 28, 2016.
 2. Accounts Payable Manifest
 3. Payroll Manifest
 4. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber
 5. Pistol/Revolver License (2)
 6. Deputy Forest Fire Warden appointments
- All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Dean Huber asked where John Halter was going for his winter vacation – answer = Florida.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

1. Future meeting arrangements/procedures as needed. – There was a lengthy discussion on the matter of John Halter's extended vacation starting next week and lasting until mid-March. Margo Santoro announced that she is having issues with her back and has been having physical therapy twice a week for several weeks with no relief. She reported that the last time she had the same back issue it required her to be bed ridden for six weeks. Margo wanted to know what would happen if she is bed ridden again while John is away, there would not be a quorum to hold a Selectmen's meeting. Margo has been meeting with legal counsel at the New Hampshire Municipal Association and has learned that John can't sit in to meetings via Skype in order to make a quorum. Margo also brought up the fact that the Budget Process begins in early January and John will not be available to participate in that function of a Selectman. Steve McGerty asked John if he would return to New Hampshire if Margo is laid up or resign to allow another resident to be appointed in his place – John replied that he would have to make that decision at the time. After further discussion, John agreed he would return if needed. The idea of appointing Harry Power as an interim selectman was discussed and Margo thought he would be perceived as having a conflict of interest. She mentioned that Dean Huber has attended Selectmen's meeting for a long time and might be a good choice. Dean Huber said he would want to know who would be sitting beside him on the board. Margo said at each election, anyone can run and the voters decide who will sit on the board. If John Halter did resign, the replacement appointee would serve until the next Town Meeting. At that time John's position would be run for a 2 year term and Steve McGerty's position would run for a 3 year term.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. State Education Tax Warrant for 2017 – it was noted that the State Education Tax Warrant for 2017 is down \$41,324.00 from 2016.

ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to adjourn at 8:22, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

John Halter

Stephen McGerty

Margo Santoro

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