

Board of Selectmen
January 7, 2019
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Present: Select Board Members Present – Robert Berti & Ed Haskell
Town Administrator - Joe Chivell
Excused Absence – George Bonfiglio

6:30 PM Meeting opened by Selectman, Robert Berti.
Payroll and accounts payable checks reviewed for signature. The Board questioned the check for the payment of the fire department chimney replacement. The Board had been told that the replace labor was being donated. As where it was not donated, the Board questioned the bid process. The Board asked that the Fire Commissioners be asked about this.

Police Chief, Brett Miller, was present to give the Police Department update. The Chief will be attending a Right to Know Class hosted by the Local Government Center on January 16th.

Chief Miller reported having a printing issue with the Crime Star reporting software. Miller also reported a possible problem with the 2015 cruiser rack and pinion system. The cruiser warranty recently expired and there are no recalls for the issue. If in fact it needs the rack and pinion replaced the repair will be approximately \$1,800.00.

Chief Miller asked if a new hiring process for a part-time officer could be started. The Board will post a part-time officer position.

7:00 PM Public Forum – There was no one in attendance for the Public Forum. The Board moved on to the final review of the proposed 2019 budget. The adjusted budget will be attached with this set of minutes. Note of any major discussion are as follows:

Mobile Radar Sign. The Selectmen would like Chief Miller to go over the justifications in depth at the next meeting. The Board is not opposed to the purchase, but they want a written policy on the use of the sign, the use of the information gathered, and the placement plan of the sign. The Board does not want the sign used on Route 25.

Old Home Day – The budget was adjusted for the originally request amount of \$8,200.00.

Highway Backhoe Purchase – Road Agent, Nick Coursey, reported that the John Deere, Caterpillar, and Case backhoes are all very close in price. With the attachments the Coursey would ask for the budgeting price is \$115,000. The Board decided that a warrant would read purchase at \$115,000, using \$50,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and \$65,000 for a bank loan. The first payment of the load would be in 2020, after the Highway Truck has been

paid off, in 2019.

The Board asked for a definition clarifying the difference between the Code Enforcement versus Gas/Oil Permits under the Fire Department operating budget.

The Board agreed on a flat rate raise for Town employees. The increases were between .50 and .75 cents an hour.

8:55 PM

Town Administrator Report:

- Town Counsel, Gardner, Fulton & Waugh, has merged with DrummondWoodsum Attorneys at Law. In a prior Board meeting there was a discussion of possibly sending out an RFP for legal counsel. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, reported back to the Board that he had discussed the merger with other Town Administrator, some who had explored changing and found through the process DrummondWoodsum came out as their first choice. Chivell asked that the Board stay with DrummondWoodsum, for at least a one-year trial period. Chivell explained that the merger has bolstered the group in the area of employment law and land use law. The Board agreed, just requesting updated costs.
- The Board had requested an RFP be sent out for the annual town audit. Chivell reported that bid requests had been sent out.
- Chivell informed the Board he had spoken with Hydro Course Associates about the possibility of them handling the test wells at the Rumney Transfer Station. More information will follow after a representative from Hydro Source reviews the town's DES requirement with Sonny Ouellette, Transfer Station Superintendent.
- The EMS Advisory Committee will resume meeting on January 22nd.
- The Police Department Risk Assessment should be concluded soon, with a report to follow.
- The Ellsworth Fire and EMS Coverage contracts were available to be signed. Both have a flat rate contract, and both reflected an 2.5% CPI increase. Board members present reviewed and signed the agreements. The agreements will be mailed to the Ellsworth Board of Selectmen.

9:15 PM

New Business:

Russell School Public Bond Hearing – The Board of Selectmen will remain neutral on the complete replacement of the old section Russell School Building warrant article and alternative warrant article covering only the Life Safety Improvements. The Board will ask the School Board members to keep the following items in mind when working these articles:

- The Town and School combined budgets and the impact on the tax rate.
- Only moving forward if the State Aid funds are available
- Research both bond rates and local bank rates
- Length of bond or loan between shouldn't be any short than 15years.

Fire Department Truck Committee – The Board of Selectmen want to be involved by having a representative on the truck committee and in forming the truck committee. This will be a major purchase and will need the input from people that know finance, trucks and fire department needs.

9:30 PM Selectman, Ed Haskell, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman, Bob Berti, seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Sincerely submitted,

Joe Chivell
Town Administrator

Up-coming events:

January 9 th	Conservation Commission Meeting
January 14 th	Fire Commissioners Meeting
January 16 th	School Board Bond Meeting
January 21 st	Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 28 th	School Board Informational Meeting
January 29 th	Planning Board Meeting
February 4 th	Board of Selectmen Meeting with Public Budget Hearing
February 6 st	School Deliberative Session
February 11 th	Fire Commissioners Meeting
February 13 th	Conservation Committee Meeting
February 18 th	Board of Selectmen Meeting
February 26 st	Planning Board Meeting