

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location:	Town Offices	Date:	October 30, 2014
Meeting Opened:	7:00 PM	Meeting Adjourned:	continued to 9 AM Tuesday Nov 4 adjourned noon Nov 4, 2014
Jay Jacobs, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent	
Charles Michal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent	
Seth Kallman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent	

Documents signed or reviewed:

Selectmen reviewed financials for the week. A review of expenditures against budget allows Selectmen to forecast spending well below budget overall. Selectmen discussed the amount to be used from the unassigned fund balance as an offsetting revenue item in setting the 2014 Tax Rate for 2014. Selectmen elected to return \$50,000 to the voters, to be used by the NH DRA in setting the 2014 tax rate.

Department Items:

Selectmen discussed the information that FiberCast is looking to purchase approximately 1 acre of Town property to place a small building and satellite dishes so that they may supply residents with cable and internet. Harrisville is one of the more difficult Towns to serve. The company has researched land in Nelson as well, but is wondering if the Town of Harrisville would be able/consider to sell a piece of Town owned land for this project. Selectmen are not opposed to the idea of working with FiberCast and Angela should let them know that if they wish to meet informally with Selectmen some Thursday evening. However Town residents have reported that cable service went out a week ago Saturday and that the company has not been answering their phones. Selectmen will make an attempt to contact FiberCast and request service be restored.

Selectmen ask Angela to poll Land Use committees (Zoning, Planning, Conservation Commission and Historic District Commission) as to a mid-morning time for a Board Chairs meeting within the next three weeks. Selectmen would like to continue ongoing conversations about coordinated board procedures and consistent practices.

Administration – Angela notes that town related meetings are scheduled on the dry erase calendar posted in the conference room.

Conservation Committee – Selectmen met with Will Kirkpatrick, who is interested in joining the Conservation Commission. Will lives on Sargent Camp Road and has been a resident for at least 4 years. He work with the Student Conservation Association, and Jeanne Rosenthal had suggested he look into joining the Commission. Seth recommended Mr. Kirkpatrick browse the various publications, including the Local Government Center's series 'Knowing the Territory'. Selectmen approved Mr. Kirkpatrick and said that the Town Clerk would prepare the necessary swearing in forms. Mr. Kirkpatrick should arrange to meet with Town Clerk.

Selectmen discussed with Conservation Commission Chair Winston Sims current proposals by Toni Silk for the sale of either the fee or the conservation rights to lot 30-32-10. Ms. Silk's proposal included the suggestion of a sale to a third-party designee of the Conservation Commission. Discussion focused on the merits of a third-party stewardship of the parcels. Initial position of the Selectboard was that only a fee-simple transfer to the Town was acceptable, that merging of this lot with existing town lots was appropriate, and that conservation easements could and would be negotiated with a third party conservation group but that the Town would retain ownership of the merged properties. Selectmen will attend the upcoming Conservation Commission meeting (Nov 5th) to discuss this further.

Highway Department – Final Plans for the South Road Bridge have been submitted by Dubois & King to the NH DOT. Abutters properties will be flagged to show necessary easements.

Center Hill Barns will offer a revised estimate for the proposed Highway Garage for 2015. Sue Silver at CRBNA will send a revised amortization schedule for 5, 10, and 15 years with the anticipation of loans beginning in the 2015

spring. Designs for the proposed building need to be further developed before concrete proposals to the Town can be made. These materials and others will be used by the Selectboard in anticipation of bring a warrant article on the project to the 2015 Town Meeting.

Copies of NH DOT Biennial Inspection Report for eight bridges received.

Police Department – Mr. Bennett will be in contact with a quote to “shave” the windows and door for the Police Department. He also included the test for LED and mold which tested positive.

Tax Collector -- Lauri asked me to inquire as to how much you know about Melissa Smith located on 152 Bonds Corner Road. This property is up for Tax Deeding and Lauri is aware that this woman has young children. Is there a possibility that she is working with Rosemary to assist in her situation (she had a bad car accident).

Town Clerk – Selectmen met with Donna Stone who was disappointed that the project to install Town Office parking lot lights will be installed. It is getting dark early.

Other business:

Southwest Regional Planning Commission request of funds in the amount of \$1,056.00 for the 2015 Town Budget

Health Trust -- Health Insurance rates for 2015-2016 may increase by 2.4%. Rates this year were lower than budgeted.

Upcoming Meetings:

October 31st – Trick-or-Treating hours will be from 5pm – 7pm

November 4th – General Election, polling hours are from 8am - 7pm

November 11th – Veteran’s Day (Office Closed)