

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2020

PRESENT: Board of Selectmen: Scott Littlefield, Dan Gay, Jarod Harriman, Treasurer/Selectmen Clerk Angela Cushman, CEO Jim Roberts, Tax Collector Yvonne Shaw, Town Clerk Vicki Rochefort

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

ADMINISTRATIVE:

*Selectman Jarod Harriman declared the meeting open at 6:03 PM.
Selectmen approved agenda.*

APPOINTMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town Budget

Education. Jeremy Ray stated that the budget and subsidy still remain the same. We are seeing some savings in bus fuel, heating and electricity right now with the shutdown of the school but it is minimal. He has a great concern about next year with the lack of revenue at the state level how that might impact school subsidy. Each week the superintendents are taking turns connecting with the Education Commissioner. She stated that a forecasting group will be meeting in July. The Commissioner also stated that schools should prepare for next year. The legislation has already voted on what the numbers will be for next year. Any change to the numbers would require a legislature vote.

Concerned about the length of time students will be out of school and the slide that will occur. The school will need to plan on extra services and support for students over the next couple of years. If there was a reduction in subsidy one option would be to reduce one bus run. This may not be an option as how schools might look like in the fall; physical distancing, alternating days for students and learning from home.

Fire Department. Jim Roberts questioned the initial quote on the well as it seemed high. The plan is for the Fire Chief to obtain more quotes before starting the work. There are still outstanding questions that need answers before a vote can occur on the Fire Department budget.

Town Budget. The Selectmen decided to hold off on finalizing the town budget.

2. Fire Commission. The forestry truck has arrived at the Fire Station. There will be some work to get it road ready.
3. Town response to COVID-19. Plexiglass has been installed in the window of the tax collector and town clerk. A divider between the two workstations will also be installed. Plexiglass will also be installed at the assessor window.
4. After discussion the Selectmen decided to hold the town elections on July 14th and the town meeting on Saturday, July 18th. That will give the town more time to see where the revenues may land.
5. Telephone upgrade. The Selectmen agreed to upgrading the telephone system which would increase the telephone budget by \$95/month. The system will be installed in June.
6. Website upgrade. The Selectmen agreed to upgrading the website beginning in June. The content option will be considered after the new budget is in place.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Linwood Acres.
2. Warrants/Payroll
3. Assessor contract.

PUBLIC FORUM: N/A

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 12-Town Group has been dissolved and the town was reimbursed \$1,396 for previous dues not used by the group.

SIGNED:

1. 03/19/2020 A/P Warrant
2. 03/19/2020 P/Y Warrant
3. 03/05/2020 Selectmen Minutes
4. Time off requests

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

OUTSTANDING ITEMS:

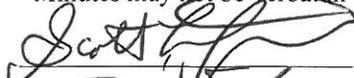
1. Cable ordinance – ordinance needs to be adopted by Selectmen.
2. Cable Franchise – put on hold by the Selectmen

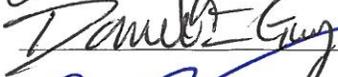
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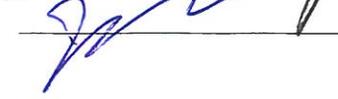
Dan Gay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM; 2nd Jarod Harriman.
Passed 3/0.

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*Minutes may not be verbatim they may have been paraphrased for clarity.

 Scott Littlefield, Chair

 Daniel Gay

 Jarod Harriman

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