

## **SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**August 7, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Board of Selectmen: Scott Littlefield, Dan Gay, Jarod Harriman, Treasurer/Selectmen Clerk Angela Cushman, CEO Jim Roberts, Tax Collector Yvonne Shaw, Assessor Alex Konczal

**ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jen Harriman, Jeremy Ray, Sue Syndor, Denis Elie, Kim Sampietro

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

*Selectman Scott Littlefield declared the meeting at 6:11 PM.  
Selectmen approved agenda.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

N/A

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Thomas McKenney, Saco River Corridor, alternate, expiration 11/19/2019

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Roads. Buzzell Road will be shut down in approximately three weeks for the replacement of the culvert. The residents impacted by the construction will be notified by letter and all other residents will be notified by email, website & Facebook. The town received a check for \$26, 256.00 for the state taking land for the roundabout.
2. Fire Commission. The Fire Commission provided information to the Selectmen regarding recent meetings. The Fire Commission will be holding a Special Meeting tomorrow to review results on an investigation.
3. Joint Select Board Meetings. The next meeting will be 08/10, 6:30 at Dayton Town Office. The agenda will be interlocal agreement and personnel policy. Dan Gay mentioned at the last joint meeting there was discussion on adding the agreed upon funding formula as an appendix to the interlocal agreement.
4. Returned check policy. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the policy.
5. Capital Improvement Plan. Jarod Harriman inquired about the percentage of state funding received by the town. Denis Elie, School Board Chair, communicated that currently the Town receives approximately 50% of the 100%+ that a town can qualify as the calculation factors in population. A request will be sent to departments for them to submit items to develop a capital improvement plan for the Town.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Parks & Recreation Committee. Jen Harriman stated the race will start at the track, around the track, out to route 35, to Hight Rd, down Kyle Dr., circle back, up to Ruel Lane and then back to track. The Selectmen stated the no roads can be closed for the event and only volunteers qualified to direct traffic can do so (i.e. Fire Police). Jim Roberts if would be make sense to change the route to go thru the parking lots thru the school instead of using Route 35. Jen Harriman will see if they can make the adjustment. The Selectmen also stated the Town cannot participate or advertise for a raffle. On October 18<sup>th</sup> the committee would like to hold a father/daughter dance for the community at the Hitching Post from 6-8:30 PM. It would be a free event limited to 150 people. The committee is looking at having a photographer and a DJ for the event. The Selectmen approved of the event.
2. Mil rate. Alex Konczal, tax assessor, communicated that there was more value this year than expected for real estate and the personal property value increased even after removing those accounts with values less than \$5,000. Another factor is that after the State shut down, the legislature ruled that while the State will go through with the increase of a standard Homestead Exemption from \$15,000 to \$20,000, the State reimbursement will be 50% of that value instead of 62.5%. This means a loss of value for our Town at \$43.05 per homestead, or around \$23,300. The passing of the state budget has brought additional state subsidy to the Dayton School Department. The School Committee voted to use the additional \$72,430.46 to reduce the tax rate for the town. The total state subsidy for the town \$2,572,493.52. With the new school subsidy & homestead reimbursement the tax rate will be approximately \$19.09 compared to last year of \$20.77. Alex also communicated that our Town Valuation is certified at 85%. His current revaluation estimates indicate the town is actually around 80% of market. If we adjust to full market value, we would have a mil rate of approximately \$15.27. While moving to 100% valuation and dropping the tax rate will not change the amount on a tax bill, it is better for the Town, as we will appear more competitive in the local market.
3. Steele Rd. damages. A letter will be drafted for the damages awarded.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Jarod Harriman inquired about the status on the house on Route 35 with removal of excess items on the property. The resident has made some progress in cleaning up the property. The CEO will continue to monitor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. School Board Agenda
2. Road Salt Bid
3. FEMA letter
4. ZBA Notice of Site Walk & Public Hearing

**SIGNED:**

1. 08/07/17 A/P Warrant
2. 08/10/17 A/P Warrant
3. 08/10/17 P/Y Warrant

4. 07/24/17 Selectmen minutes
5. Parks & Recreation purchase order

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS:**

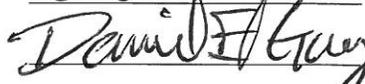
1. Time Warner
2. Steele Rd turnaround
3. Waste management communication
4. Snowplow contract

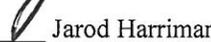
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dan Gay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Littlefield  
Passed 2/0.

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

  
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Scott Littlefield, Chair

  
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Daniel Gay

  
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Jarod Harriman

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