



MINUTES
Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday, December 27, 2016 Town Meeting Room
6:00 PM

Selectmen: Ed Thorson, Russell Smith, Joy Nowell

Town Personnel: Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator; Pam Bryk, Administrative Assistant; Christine McDaniels, Budget Committee; Robert Lee, Police Chief; Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator; Henry Thomas, Fire Chief.

Public: Rev. David Keller

1 Public Input
None

2 Presentations/Appointments

a) Rev. David Keller - South Newbury Union Church

Rev. Keller has been at South Newbury Union Church for 4 years. The Church does have structural issues. We are a small Church so we do not have a lot of resources. Last fall we began a visioning process and had a survey done. Our current well and septic needs to be replaced, we need a drilled well and new septic which is not what we have now and we do not have the land to put one in. Newbury owns the land behind the Church and we would like to discuss and or consider the use of the land for a new well and septic and also for parking. One thing we would like to do is be more engaged with the Newbury community. Patricia Sherman will be drawing up a few site plans for us. We know Newbury would like an informal community building. We have considered an informal coffee shop for everyone in town, we have listened to the community and attended the master plan meeting. In our visioning process other needs we assessed were child care, VNA, senior facilities, we have talked to Gail Bostic, and also spoke to Travis Dezotell. The friendship house will be handicapped accessible, we are

hoping it will be a place for the recreation department to use for more programs. It can be a meeting place for trips. Thorson commented that it does have to be a warrant article, has to go before taxpayers to vote. The Church would need an easement. Smith asked Keller what his timeline is. Keller said that the Church will be looking at the plans in two weeks and will be voting on it. Pavlicek said we will need a detailed description of the size of the easement and pictures are good to have. We can prepare a warrant article, we have till the end of January beginning of February since this would be a no money article. Thorson, Smith, and Nowell agreed yes and that they should try and have the warrant article ready. Keller will work with Pavlicek. Keller said the vision is making the Church more useful to the community. They will undertake a capital campaign this summer. Smith suggested that they have the architect go right to the planning board to get a preliminary site review, they can guide you along the way.

3 Regular Business

a) Department Head Discussion

Prussman - Highway - They have decided to wait to replace the guardrail on Mountain Road, the cost will be \$12 or \$15 thousand. Prussman asked if there was a way to do the slip, trips and falls online course as a class. We will look into that. Prussman received a call from Eversource regarding back up street lights saying that the highway department should have one or two of these streetlights in stock. Pavlicek said he would call Paul at Eversource. Salvetti will keep the backup street lights in Sunapee.

Lee- Police - First I have a grievance regarding the last storm. If you watched the news you knew black ice was going to be an issue and what time it was happening, we have an icing problem in the exact same locations every time. We had two major accidents and 9 cars off the road on 103 and not a state truck anywhere. Thorson said it was more than an hour before they got there. Lee said we let the state know ahead of time and they did nothing, if they came out earlier and treated the road, we could have avoided all this. Thomas said computer said that 7 p.m it would start and by a little after 8 p.m. all this had happened. Lee replied this is our argument and they should know this. Thorson said we should be billing the state because they didn't come up. One person was hit by his car this is all preventable. Smith said send a letter to DOT and a bill for time and material. Thorson commented that this was a predicted storm and not a surprise. Pavlicek will contact Doug King and ask him to come in and talk. Lee said the other thing that was very disturbing to me was that the first time in five + years we

had a smash and grab at the mountain. They had smashed the windows of two cars and grabbed off the front seat. One was money and the other was a purse. Lee said when they installed the security cameras, that closed a lot of cases. We will pump up the time we spend there, and the mountain will also increase security through the lots.

b) Buffer zone tree cutting fees

Pavlicek had checked with Sunapee and New London regarding charges for buffer zone tree cuts, neither town charges. Greenwood had recommended it because of the time involved. The Board does not want to charge fees on buffer zone cuts. The Board all agreed no fees.

c) NEHSA Raffle

The Board is all in favor of the NEHSA raffle at Mount Sunapee.

d) Veterans Credit

The Board voted to wait one year to implement the new Veterans Credit. They want to wait for the legislation to finalize the credit. Sunapee and New London are also waiting a year.

31. Correspondence

31.1. Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

UVLSRPC sent out their new hourly contracting billing rates.

31.2. Actuarial Valuation Post-Employment Benefits

The Board received a copy of material that will be part of the Audit.

31.3. Thomas - Chalk Pond Road

Greenwood sent out letters and has not heard back from Thomas. Thorson went there with Greenwood and could not see what she was talking about. It was flat ground and there was not anything running out and no wastewater.

31.4. Marlene Graf

Graf had sent a letter regarding the sale of Willow Pond and the future of the pit under the new owners. The Board would like to contact the new owners and suggest using sodium chloride on the roads into the pit.

31.5. Lawrence - Chalk Pond Road

The Board received a letter regarding the latest bankruptcy news.

31.6. Planning Board

The Board received notice of decisions on Quimby, Bob's Beacon Marina, Goddard and Adventure Life Style, LLC.

31.7. The Fells

A note regarding the stabilization phase of the Fells Shoreline Cottage has been completed.

31.8. Old to New Report, Newbury

The Board signed the Old to New Report. This is a listing of all the new values there was more this time because of this year's revaluation.

31.9. Letter from Steve Ellis, Pittsburg, NH Selectmen

This is a letter regarding the northern pass, and Ellis would like all towns to write a letter to the SEC. Pavlicek recommends that before we do anything we talk to Mayer. We can discuss this at the next meeting.

32. Approve Payroll/Payables

32.1. Payroll/Payables of December 24, 2016.

The Board approved and signed the December 24th payroll/payables.

33. Acceptance of Minutes

33.1. Selectboard Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2016.

The Board approved and signed the December 12th meeting minutes.

34. Other Business

34.1. Warrant

The Board approved and signed a timber tax warrant for Kenerson Trust in the amount of \$879.44.

34.2. Abatement

The Board approved and signed an abatement for Merrimack County Savings Bank in the amount of \$439.03 for overpayment of taxes.

34.3. Woodheating Energy Savings Exemption

The Board approved and signed a tax exemption for Thomas Jr. for woodheating.

35. Budget

35.1. Warrant Articles

Article 5 - The Board will recommend.

Article 8 - Hansen will do the work, they had a better price. Hansen did the work on Village Road. Recommend by the Selectboard. This is for one side on each bridge.

Article 3 CIP recommends. Board votes in favor.

Article 4 Recommended by CIP, All in favor.

Article 7 Cemetery lots, All in favor.

Article 9 Safety Services Facilitator recommended by CIP, yes. All warrants recommended by the Board.

Article 10 Library trustees will come to next meeting with more information on this warrant.

35.2. COLA

Pavlicek said that using the same department of BLS that we have used for the past 10 years, the COLA increase 1.6%. It would equal 1.2% for a nine month period. A merit increase can be up to .8 %. This would be a possible total increase \$32,156.28. The Board is in favor.

4 Non-Public Session

Per RSA 91-A:3, II, a-e

- b) Thorson made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II, a, Nowell seconded the motion, Roll call vote - Thorson -yes, Smith - yes, Nowell - yes.
Smith made a motion to seal the minutes indefinitely, Thorson seconded, All in favor.

5 Adjournment

- a) The Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Thorson made a motion to adjourn, Nowell seconded the motion, All in favor.

Ed Thorson, Selectboard Chair

Russell Smith, Selectboard

Joy Nowell, Selectboard