

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Jim Barlow, Laurie Colgan and Chris Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Road Foreman Dan Tetreault

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: May Road, new truck

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the December 19th and December 27th with minor corrections.

May Road: Dan notified the Board that the town trucks are still not able to turn around on May Road due to vehicles parked in the town right of way. The Town will send another letter telling the Mays that they need to move the vehicles so the town can safely plow.

Truck: Dan and the Board discussed the truck purchased in 2018. It was supposed to be delivered by April 1st. Since it was not delivered from Clark's Truck Center until mid-August, we missed our time slot at the body shop and it has been sitting at Tenco since mid-August and has not been worked on yet. We paid for the truck in August but we have been allowed to keep the old truck until the new truck is ready, even though we are trading the old truck. The Board will send a letter to Tenco and Clark's Truck Center to follow up.

Budget preparation: Dan and the Selectboard discussed purchase of a hydroseeder for erosion control when ditching. Currently it takes 3 people to seed and mulch ditches. One person could seed and mulch with a hydroseeder, so it would save labor. The State is recommending the hydroseeder because grass grows faster and reduces erosion. The cost would be approximately \$5,600. The Board will take it under consideration.

Dan and the Board discussed a generator for the town garage. There are FEMA grants available that would pay for 75% of the cost. The Board will include \$4,500 in the budget for our share.

Dan and Board discussed the purchase of a new loader. The Board has a price that is good until January 31st. The Board decided to wait until after Town Meeting to see if the budget is approved.

The Board received a proposal from East Montpelier Ambulance Service for a 2 ½ year contract, at a cost of \$20,000 for July 1 through December 31, 2018, \$40,000 for 2019, and \$41,200 for 2020. The Board expressed reservations about signing a contract of that length for the first contract.

The Board reviewed and further revised the budget. Laurie moved to adopt the Selectboard's budget in the amount of 1,045,083. Depending on what the voters approve for emergency services, taxes will increase between 5% and 7.4%.

Tax Anticipation Note: The Board reviewed bids for tax anticipation borrowing and investing. Chris moved to execute the tax anticipation note in the amount of \$400,000 from Union Bank at an interest rate of 1.69 % and continue investing it in the Insured Cash Sweep at Union Bank, at an interest rate of 1.79%.

Warning for Town Meeting: The Board reviewed a draft of the warning.

Certificate of Highway Mileage: The State has notified the Selectboard that they will add the short section of road at the intersection of Cabot Road and US Route 2 to the Town's mileage totals.

Contract renewal for land records software: tabled

Dog complaint: Jim Barlow has driven by the Copeland and Sing residences periodically and has not seen a dog running at large.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They signed a liquor license for R. L. Vallee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the January 2, 2018 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
