

Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting

March 3, 2020

Opening:

Meeting opened at 6:30p.m.

People present were:

Selectmen: Daniel McCormick, Tony Avila, Penny Picard Sampson

Employee: Mary Ellen Hall

Guest: Michael Berry, Tara Berry, Emily Rochford, Larry King, Joseph Pariser, Joshua McLellan, Pat Haley, Blaine Parsons, Melissa Sanborn, Rachel Weaver, Jim Porter.

Public Feedback: NONE

Minutes: Minutes from February 18th were reviewed and accepted motioned by Penny second by Dan.

Old Business:

- No additional information about the tanker
- Dan will call about the pothole on Depot St. near CBD facility.

New Business:

- EDC made a request for \$2,701.88 for trail work by the Snowdusters. Penny made a motion to accept bills from Unity Snowdusters, which were approved unanimously
- Charlie Schafer was appointed to EDC. Dan seconded, unanimously approved
- Selectman signed the CMP pole replacement form.
- Dan stated that we are not required to keep detailed minutes, but do, to keep notes of major things.
- Dan read the article, 30-MRSA-Section 5722-4. Re: all purchases no matter the cost need to be presented to selectmen first. If fire trucks need to be filled, if the furnace blows that we have a contract with Waldo oil. Pat Haley wanted to know where the line would be drawn on what the fire department can purchase, what needs to be approved first. Emily wanted to have the limit increased to 1k. Blaine said 3k. Selectmen did not agree to the increase to 1k. and stated that problems only come up when more than \$500 is spent.
- Pat read minutes from July 17, 2018 about the computer purchased and was over \$500. Pat understands that the selectman need to be informed if purchases are over \$500, whether it is by email or phone, regardless, the purchase over \$500 the Selectmen are asking to be informed.
- Tony wanted to know the intention for the petition that was signed. There was no response from the fire dept.
- Dan mentioned payment for hourly employees needs to be paid every 16 days. Stipends can remain the same.
- Penny stated that the Selectmen need to treat the Fire Department the same as other departments in the Town.
- Pat stated that the minutes from the past 6 months should be reviewed but would not explain why or go into detail.
- Tony and Penny discussed the misinformation from previous meetings. Tyler was asked to leave the meeting after using foul language.
- Penny stated the Fire Department is part of the town and it is a vital part, and we need to find a way to work together. Blaine asked if the Selectmen trust him. Penny stated for the handling of fires Blaine is trusted.
- Blaine asked about the Selectman signoff on purchases. Verified that purchases over \$500 need signoff. Blaine also had a couple of suggestions to go over regarding the fireman's job descriptions. The selectman and Blaine will meet on Monday to go over the details.

- Blaine wanted to know if a purchase agreement for the purchase of the firetruck from Winslow. The firetruck fund was discussed, the cost for a truck in 2012 was \$310k. Blaine asked if it was ok if a truck was purchased before a town meeting, no response.
- Tony questioned why the tanker truck was repaired for free and now there is a cost. This is due to new damage on the tanker.
- It was suggested the M&O article be increased by 10k and this would remove 1 article. Blaine would call for repairs since it would be within the 1/6th. Dan made a motion to rewrite the Fire Department article to increase it an additional \$10k for the tanker. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Blaine will schedule an appt to have the tanker looked at for rebuilding
- Larry wanted an article to allow the selectmen to approve any emergency funds that would be needed
- Penny called for an executive session at 7:42 seconded by Dan pursuant 22 MRSA subsection 1 405(6)(e). Blaine requested that it be public Penny made a motion to exit executive session pursuant 22 MRSA subsection 1 405(6)(e) seconded by Dan. This was in regards to Blaine stating he would pay Melissa. Melissa stated that she was upset that she was terminated. The selectman stated she was not terminated and that the position was eliminated. Blaine stated that he had a problem with the written warning. Dan read the article as to why it was considered insubordination. Dan stated that there are no appeals for the written warnings.
- Blaine requested that he be informed of any fireman information before the meeting and for that information tabled if he is not available to attend. Blaine also stated that he would inform the selectman of any information that he would be bringing to the meetings.

Other Business: none

Meeting adjourned: 8:02 p.m.