
Chairman Consentino called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Minutes: Sel. Jesseman moved, seconded by Sel. Dawson to put the minutes of Feb. 5, 2015 on the table for discussion. Motion passed. Acceptance of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting so that Sel. Dawson can add information relative to road salt in well water.

At 4:45 Sel. Consentino moved, seconded by Sel. Dawson to enter into a non public session as per RSA 91a:c pending litigation. Motion passed by roll call vote. At 5:06 Sel. Jesseman moved, seconded by Sel. Dawson to seal the minutes of the non public session until such time as the litigation is settled. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Public Works:

- Manville Road – Sel. Consentino stated that due to ruts, ice, etc. at the entrance to Manville Road it is dangerous for cars entering onto Rte 3/11. She asked if salt will help while it is so cold. Dennis Allen noted that cars bring in salt on their tires from Rte 3/11 which causes the problem. He will put some salt at the beginning of Manville Road up to the railroad tracks in the morning and then scrape it in the afternoon.

- West St. – The Public Works Department is currently working to remove snow on the roads in that area. Sel. Dawson has received a complaint that a particular property on West St is getting more snow deposited on it than others. Dennis explained that it is necessary to make right hand turns with the plow truck. There are walls, posts, etc. that have to be avoided that result in snow being deposited further back in places where there are no obstructions. He doesn’t believe the property in question is getting more snow than others, however, this particular house is close to the road.

- The tenants who park in the Municipal parking lot by Tilton House of Pizza where it goes behind two buildings are concerned that they now have no place to park their cars. Dennis Allen stated that it is difficult to plow in this area as the cars are parked there, but he has removed snow there as best as he can.
• Sel. Dawson reported that there is a hanging branch by the Chases on Manville Road and asked Dennis to look to see if he can remove it.

• Sel. Jesseman praised the work by the Public Works Department in keeping up with the multiple snow storms.

Sel. Consentino moved, seconded by Sel. Jesseman to unseal the minutes of the non public meeting of Feb. 9, 2015 that relates to hiring personnel other than specific personal information. Motion passed by Roll Call vote.

Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler, Agenda Items:

• Joyce reported that she sent the warrant articles to the Department of Revenue Administration and the NH Municipal Association for review. DRA recommended changing Articles 2 and 3 (exemptions) to “shall the town modify…..” as per RSA. They recommend including “majority vote required” at the end of each article even though it is not required. The proposed changes to the Solid Waste Haulers Rules and Regulations, the Housing Standards Ordinance and the Sex Offender’s Ordinance will exceed the 100 pages for the town report. Members discussed whether these should be included in the Town Report or made available at the Town Hall. It would be more convenient and available in the future to include them in the Town Report. The Budget Committee has approved all the warrant articles. At Sel. Dawson’s suggestion, it was agreed to ask the NH Municipal Association on how to amend the petitioned warrant article at Town Meeting as the way it is worded, the Tilton Northfield Water District could leave trenches unpaved for a month before the town begins paving and there is no time limit for a project.

• Empire had paid everything that was invoiced at the time they met with the Selectmen but now there is an outstanding balance of $1869.20 from October and December invoices. The consensus of the Board was to go ahead with small claims court.

• Septage agreement with WRBP: Board has signed.

• Loren Martin will be attending the hearing on HB 547 relative to assessing. Joyce messaged State Rep. Gallagher as he is on the Ways and Means Committee to express the Board’s opinion of the bill.

• Dave Krause has not been able to do field work for Manville Road/Crystal Lane survey due to amount of snow.
• One estimate for baseboard heat at the Senior Center is $650. The contractor says there is no insulation on the water pipes. Sel. Consentino stated that the town paid for insulated pipes last year, so that contractor needs to be contacted as we have frozen pipes this year.

• Joyce presented a Quit Claim deed for R9 30 off Beech St. for the Board’s signature. This lot was listed as owner unknown and tax deeded to the town. The -owner has now been identified and the property needs to be deeded back to him. The lot will now be shown as a separate lot so the owner will be notified that if he wants to merge the lots he should do so before April 1.

• Housing Standards Ordinance: will discuss next week along with amendments to solid waste ordinance.

Police Department:

• Sel. Consentino asked if Chief Cormier has a viable working policy for body cameras for the Board of Selectmen to review. Chief Cormier has a policy that needs to be reviewed before the Board approves the use of body cameras. Sel. Dawson asked if there are any towns in NH that have had experience with body cameras in order to inquire about their experience with the cameras. Chief Cormier believes there are currently 6 towns using body cameras. Evidence.com has offered their program for $4700 per year and will provide 12 cameras for free for a year. Chief Cormier explained that the storage and filing, categorizing, etc. of the videos is a major task and evidence.com takes care of it. The Chief recommends that if we do go with body cameras we need to go with evidence.com as his Department wouldn’t be able to keep up with the work involved in maintaining the files.

• Reports: The Police Department has had 1125 calls since beginning of year. They have been busy with DCYS cases and interviewing for sexual assault cases from 2014. There will be training on Feb. 23-24 for active shooting. The Chief spoke with water district about safety issues as they should have flagger when they are cleaning snow around fire hydrants.

• The Chief spoke with Irving relative to purchasing gasoline for the town. Irving would like to make a presentation to the Board which will be scheduled for March 26. Sel. Jesseman reminded the Board that this goes against the spirit of the agreement with the UST group and we still have the obligation for maintenance and closure of the tank. Sel. Consentino assured him that this is just to have a plan B. Sel. Jesseman added that the contract price through the School District will be lowered in July.
Chief Cormier looked into fireworks ordinances throughout the state. Most towns don’t have them but those who do just address not being near buildings and stress using caution and care. Some towns have rescinded their ordinances as they were too stringent. The Chief likes Merrimack’s ordinance which is simple and reasonable. Sel. Consentino asked that all of the information be scanned to the Board for further review.

Chief Cormier and Sel. Dawson are working with the School District for traffic flow for town elections. It will be important direct people to the High School rather than the Middle School. Sel. Consentino suggested changing the sign now to alert people of the change of location and putting a press release in the newspapers.

Sel. Dawson asked for the speed trailer to be located on Bittern Lane especially during the Farmer’s Market for traffic counts. Sel. Jesseman requested a report of the traffic issues during Farmer’s Market because of proposed development on Bittern Lane and the potential traffic issues at that location.

Sel. Scanlon asked about IT issues at the Department with officers accessing the internet and risking the server with malware and viruses. Tim Pearson has suggested having a dedicated computer for investigations. The officers need to be aware not to go on line for anything and the Department needs to have a policy to addressing internet access.

Other: Starting date for Gayle Bestick, the new Administrative Assistant: The position is full time, 40 hours/week, $18.00/hour with full benefits. After discussion relative to her starting date and whether there would be enough for her to do, Joyce Fulweiler assured the Board there would be plenty of work for both Catherine and Gayle. Sel. Jesseman moved, seconded by Sel. Consentino to have Gayle Bestick start work on March 9, 2015. Motion passed 3-1. Sel. Dawson voted no as she preferred March 16 for the starting date.

Selectmen’s Reports:

Sel. Dawson: Sel. Dawson reported that she was called out to do an inspection with the Police and Health & Human Services at 822 Laconia Road, (South Bay) and while there she gathered evidence that, in fact, the property is occupied year round. The building consists of one very small room with tiny bathroom and doesn’t meet Town’s standards for a dwelling unit which requires a separate kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. Discussion followed relative to the need for a separate bedroom as that would not allow a studio apartment. Sel. Dawson stated that the unit is question is about 400 sq ft with 4 occupants. This was an unsafe building and she is going to give notice to vacate the building tomorrow. There are other occupied cabins on the site that are similar in size. The call from police was generated by Health & Human Services because of children on site. Sel. Jesseman asked where these people will go if they are vacated as he wants
to make sure they have a place to go. Sel. Dawson explained that she doesn’t have a choice if she finds a place that is dangerous and this place is extremely hazardous, particularly with 2 little children. She added that Health & Human Services and the Police was very courteous and diligent in helping these people find a safer place to live.

Sel. Consentino: Sel. Consentino reported that there is a leak in the roof at the Senior Center which would indicate an ice backup. As this roof was replaced last year, she will inspect and contact the roofer.

Sel. Jesseman: Sel. Jesseman would like to receive an update on the training at Public Works after town meeting.

Sel. Scanlon: It appears that snow have been deposited into the wetlands behind Winnisquam Auto. The wall was installed 20 feet from the wetlands, so that if snow is put over the wall it will be in the wetlands. Sel. LaPlante spoke with the owner and he has agreed to deposit snow in the designated snow storage area or taken off site.

The Selectmen need to have a discussion about permanent snow storage areas for the town.

At 7:25 Sel. Jesseman moved, seconded by Sel. Scanlon to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

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