

**Office of Select Board
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303**

6:31 pm – Select Board’s Meeting – March 31, 2014

Select Board present: Chairman Roy Fanjoy, Selectman Donovan and Selectman Johnson

The Select Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

The Select Board signed or completed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the Select Board Minutes of 3/3/14 as written; seconded by Selectman Donovan and approved.
- Selectman Donovan made a motion to accept the Select Board minutes of 3/17/14 as written; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.
- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the Select Board minutes of the 3/21/14 work session as written; seconded by Selectman Donovan and approved.
- Selectman Donovan made a motion to accept the Select Board non-public minutes of 3/17/14 as written; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved. These minutes are sealed.
- Selectman Donovan made a motion to withdraw up to \$7,500 from the Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of processing the 2013 Abatements relative to the revaluation; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.
- Approved a Veteran’s Credit application.

The Select Board signed or acknowledged the following for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham:

- J. P. Pest Services requested about continuation of their services for the Town Hall regarding the past ant infestation. The decision was to continued, making this the third year of treatment, but not to continue in 2014. Later on Chief Dupuis requested to see if J. P. Pest Services could coordinate this with the Public Safety Building visit regarding their rodent issues. Mrs. Pinkham will call.
- Provided copies of the budget.

Police Chief Robert Dupuis advised the Select Board of the following:

- He requested that the acceptance of the two guns on the agenda be postponed at this time.
- 63 calls for service with highlights read.
- \$7,630.81 will be returned based on Short Term Disability paid to Chief Dupuis by the Town due to his absence. His absence led to more overtime by the other officers, which may require a request for an interfund transfer, which will be done on an as an needed basis.
- Selectman Johnson, referring to an earlier discussion, addressed complaints regarding trucks on Town roads that were heard at the ZBA meeting, particularly related to crowding the roads and inquired about additional patrols in a particular area. Chief Dupuis responded to the question, noting there have not been any speeding issues and advising that he does not like to target a particular area. Discussion ensued.

Fire Chief Rob Wolinski advised the Select Board of the following:

- 17 calls for the month of March.
- Three members attended the NH Fire ICS class on March 2nd for an 8 hour, one day course.
- He attended a Ventilation Control Class in Tilton/Northfield.
- The Department will host a rabies clinic on 5/3/14 at the PSB from 10:00 am to noon.
- The Deputy Wardens and he will be going to a Wardens Training on Wednesday night in Wilmot.
- There will be burn training in Hopkinton on Thursday.
- The newest Firefighter is attending the Fire Fighting Level 1 Class Training in Plainsfield to get his Firefighter’s One Certification.
- Provided the Board with a copy of newly adopted “Association By-Laws”, which includes the Auxiliary members. After discussion the Board agreed that they were not in favor of requiring criminal background checks on auxiliary members. Chief Wolinski advised that it is required for Fire Department Members.
- He is looking into a software update program costing \$1,500 - \$2,000; and is working with dispatch to do this. He will report back to the Board regarding this.

Road Agent Emmett Bean advised that he has received many Town related calls on his cell phone, mostly related to the posted roads, noting that this is his personal phone, and is not given out by the office staff. He was not sure how the number was being provided. He advised that his calls need to come from the office to relate the message unless it is an emergency, then one should call dispatch. Chairman Fanjoy addressed the issue related to fuel deliveries, noting the only difference from the past is the increase in fines and enforcement. Mr. Bean has been responding to those requests for permits, which when issued are then faxed to the Police Department so that they are all working together. Selectman Johnson discussed the possibility of exempting fuel deliveries, though it would take more guidance to make this decision. Many attendees spoke on this subject, including fuel company representatives and townspeople. The decision was to have a work session on Thursday at 4:00 pm regarding the road posting and any other business that may come before the meeting. This meeting will be posted. NHMA may be contacted for more guidance.

R. E. Fanjoy

M. W. Donovan

B. G. Johnson

Planning Board Members Sue Rauth and Sue Roman, on behalf of the PB, met with the Board to request that Copart be required to do a Site Plan Review through the PB as is required of all other commercial exceptions and requested that the Select Board retract the local license issued to Copart and inform Copart of the need for a Site Plan Review. ZBA Chairman Marty Bender indicated that Copart has a pending appeal. This needs to be finalized before the Select Board can make a decision. This will be on the next Select Board's agenda.

Selectman Johnson discussed the petition for a Special Town Meeting relative to a request for a study regarding Webster withdrawing from MVSD, requesting clarification from Selectman Donovan. Selectman Donovan explained that the Board indicated at the last meeting that 200 signatures would be sufficient to show interest to move forward with a Special Town Meeting to vote on this. He noted that the Board would have more freedom regarding the timing of a Special Town Meeting if the petition was not presented as a formal petition. Discussed ensued. Many townspeople spoke at length regarding this subject. Selectman Johnson presented the wording of a draft Warrant Article for next year that he presented to Shared Services, asking for the Board's support of this article. It addressed the need for alternative funding for tax payers regarding education from the State. This would be sent to NHMA for prior review before it is proposed as a Warrant article be given to all NH towns to vote on and the results would then be submitted to the Governor.

Old Business:

- Mrs. Jones will respond to a residence's written request for tax relief to advise him of the proper way to apply.
- The Board reviewed two written requests from taxpayers regarding plans to make payments to become current with their property taxes. The decision was to accept the plans as proposed and to monitor the progress. The Tax Collector will be so advised.
- A request to waive the Town Hall Fee for a fundraiser not open to the public was denied.
- Invoices addressed to individuals or departments and not the Financial Administrator, thereby causing delays in payment, were discussed. Mrs. Pinkham will reach out to those affected.
- The Police Chief will report at the next Select Board's Meeting on the status of an apartment, without a ZBA exception, on property shown as Map 6 Lot 25 on the tax map.
- Selectman Johnson recommended a work session involving the Fire & Police Chief's regarding safety repair options at the Public Safety Building. He has followed up with the "heating" people regarding the eaves. Selectman Donovan has followed-up with Hutter Construction and Hutter will send an engineer to review the building to provide an opinion as to what is needed at the PSB at no cost to the Town. A meeting is scheduled for 4/14/14 at 4:00 pm at the PSB with the Chiefs, Board and the public regarding options.

New Business:

- Selectman Johnson made a motion to appoint Fire Chief Rob Wolinski to serve on the Hazard Mitigation Committee; seconded by Selectman Donovan and approved. There is no term to this committee.
- The Board will read the response from Cross Country Appraisal relative to Jere Buckley's packet received earlier regarding assessments and the manual. The Board may need to meet with Mr. Buckley at another time.
- Resident Peter Swislosky recommended that the Board have an engineer design prepared before requesting bids for safety repairs at the PSB as a responsible approach. He offered to help with this and will plan to attend the 4/14/14 meeting at the PSB.
- Resident Barbara Brown suggested that the Police Chief have speed patrols be done at the boat landing in the Pillsbury Lake District.
- Jon Pearson questioned the ownership of Map 5 Lot 5 as it was voted at Town Meeting. Article 18 was approved to put a number of lots in conservation based on the Conservation Commission recommendations. Mrs. Jones will follow up on the ownership of this lot and report to Selectman Donovan with the findings.
- Resident Sally Embley inquired about Select Board appointments to committees as there may be an opening on the Refuse Disposal Committee. The Planning & Zoning Boards have been asked for recommendation, but no other committees were contacted. The Board would appreciate nominations and Voluntary Interest Forms are encouraged.
- Resident Abby Blanchette inquired as to whether the Police Advisory Committee would continue. Chairman Fanjoy stated that the Board would like to talk with the current committee, etc. and will discuss further at a later meeting.

9:20 pm Selectman Donovan motioned to close the meeting; seconded by Selectman Johnson. Meeting closed.

Roy E. Fanjoy, Chairman
SB/ jj

Mason W. Donovan

Bruce G. Johnson