

**Town of Webster  
Office of Select Board  
945 Battle Street  
Webster, NH 03303  
Final Select Board Minutes – December 3, 2019  
Approved December 16, 2019**

**Present:** Christine Schadler, Bianca Acebron Peco and Leslie Palmer  
Selectwoman Schadler opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**Others Present:** Bruce Johnson, Dave Hemenway

**Announcements:** Selectwoman Acebron Peco announced that as of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Selectwoman Schofield resigned immediately. Selectwoman Acebron Peco made a motion to appoint Selectwoman Schadler as chair of the meeting of December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Second was made by Selectwoman Schadler. All were favor. Motion passed.

Chairwoman Schadler: Last Select Board meeting, she again recommended that people with vehicles in excess of 3 tons use another route.

In the last week, the Road Agent has placed metal pieces on the bridge, it has been paved and there is a speed bump in the middle of the bridge. Make sure you don't hit the speed bump if you are plowing. Even with metal plates, it is not safe for vehicles over 3 tons.

Last time we had a meeting, we did not have the use of the TV, as IP had changed. She also wanted to make a comment about Mrs. Pirelli's class, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Webster Elementary School. They are studying government and they had invited her over as the local representative and she was impressed by how smart those kids are. She hopes they are all watching out there and invited them to come to a Select Board meeting sometime.

**Communications:** Nothing.

**Departments:** Police Chief Adams: He presented his report as prepared. The amount of budget left for fiscal year is \$13,506.08 with 13% left for the year. We are over in the heat for the Public Safety Building. He looked at the heat. Added \$1500 for the budget heat. Looked at electric bill and found we were down \$200 per month, which means the new lights are saving \$200 per month! Discussion followed on the savings. 104 Motor Vehicle stops. The summons that were issued had a total fines to be paid of \$2,139. A total of 68 calls for service which ranged from criminal threatening, criminal mischief, night hunting to theft of a motor vehicle to name a few. A total of three arrests. Five assists to the Fire Department along with two welfare checks. Numerous others. Complaint about 33 Centennial Drive. Discussion of past history and number of vehicles parked in the road way. Leslie will attempt to have resident attend next Select Board Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Chief Adams said he would be there. If she gets no response, she will consider next step.

Budget comments for PD: Only thing he put in to raise is wages. He is concerned about losing Jordan. Discussion followed regarding. Hard to keep good people as many jobs are posted with sign-on bonuses etc. He has 4 part-time officers. Difference between last year and this is about \$10,000. Police fuel is up. With more patrolmen on the road, we are using more gas. Should be the same for next year. Pursuit policy was also discussed. Leslie questioned contract services and Steve stated all was included. Also includes dispatch fees, which the bill went up 9.4%. Other discussion on animal control equipment.

CIP Committee will be giving out their report before the next meeting.

**Public Comment:** Bruce Johnson: Based on the comments from the chief regarding propane usage, it might be appropriate to check when the tanks were last filled. Discussion followed. Question if the heat is turned down at night? Chief Adams reported yes, but that the heat zones are rather confusing as to their set up.

Electrical work on the Town Hall is almost complete. Expectations of a savings of \$60 per month.

Mr. Hemenway: Nice to see LED's up at the Town Hall.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Chairwoman Schadler to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Second by Selectwoman Acebron Peco. All those in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Becker