

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
November 14, 2016**

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Selectmen in attendance: Christine Torno, Royce Heath and Paul Nadeau

3:00 pm – Open Meeting with Pledge of Allegiance

Sue Collins

- A water test of a private residence is required by the State as it is directly across from the old landfill. The homeowner hasn't responded to several calls and a letter. Selectman Nadeau will stop by the residence to schedule a time for the testing.
- A homeowner on Cemetery Road is trying to sell his house and needs a letter from the town saying it is a public way even though it is not town maintained. The Selectmen need to do some research as to the status of this road.
- Selectmen signed a Quitclaim Deed and abatement denial letters.
- Paperwork for the 180 day moratorium for any marijuana facilities was handed to the Selectmen.

Bettie Harris-Howard

- Presented the proposed Appeals Board budget for a total of \$500.00. Staff development at \$200.00; decrease in office supplies to \$100.00; increase in advertising to \$200.00. Chairperson Torno made a motion to increase the Appeals Board budget to \$500.00, which is a \$50.00 increase from last year; Selectman Nadeau seconded, all in favor.
- Presented the proposed Budget Committee budget for a total of \$750.00. Decrease office supplies to \$400.00; increase staff development to \$350.00. Chairperson Torno made a motion to accept the Budget Committee budget as stated with changes; Selectman Heath seconded, all in favor.

3:30 pm

Sen. Ron Collins, Jim Foster & Chester Caluta (Maine DOT)

- Came to discuss the New Bridge Road bridge between Lebanon and Milton, NH.
- Jim reiterated what he had discussed at the first meeting he had with the Selectmen. The new bridge is in the proposed work plan. The State will pay 80% and the town would need to pay 20%, or \$130,000.00. The timeframe would depend on the lead from NH and it will be in either 2019 or 2020. Jim said the funding from NH has already been committed.
- The Selectmen want something in writing from the State saying the towns will each pay a certain amount and the State will pay the rest. Jim will look into a written commitment.
- Selectman Heath said the Road Commissioner had talked about using some LRAP money and also using the bridge fund money in order to complete this project. There was discussion about also raising the money through warrant articles.
- Deb Wilson asked if the amount of \$130,000.00 will remain the same or increase over time. Also asked if we don't get the funding for 2019/20 would we have to start all over again? Jim will get an answer for her.
- Harrison Thorp asked if the town couldn't fund the bridge, would the State fund it entirely? Jim said it is possible, but not likely.
- There was much discussion about the bridge.

4:30 pm

- Chairperson Torno made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) to discuss personnel matters at 4:30 pm; seconded by Selectman Nadeau, all in favor.
- The Selectmen exited Executive Session at 4:40 pm.

- Chairperson Torno made a motion to allow the Town Clerk to hire a deputy due to state law and statutes; seconded by Selectman Heath, all in favor.
- Chairperson Torno made a motion to accept Ron Patch's resignation from the Transfer Station; seconded by Selectman Nadeau, all in favor.
- Chairperson Torno made a motion to offer the Lead person position to Robert Patch at \$1.00 more per hour for six months, then review the position; seconded by Selectman Heath, all in favor.

Ben Thompson

- Asked the Selectmen where they are at in regards to assessing and what they want Ben to do.
- The Selectmen had discussed in a meeting that Selectman Heath would pick up most of the questions and waterfront assessing. Selectman Heath said he is comfortable with most of it, but still needs Ben's help.
- Ben wants something in writing as to what will be expected of him. He would like the questions funneled through Selectman Heath, then he can go over them with Ben.
- Deb Wilson asked who will be responsible for further assessing. Chairperson Torno said they will discuss this and that it will likely be a ballot question for an assessor.

Harrison Thorp

- Submitted 3 Right to Know requests on 10/6.
- Harrison doesn't understand how it could've taken Jordan over an hour to process his request, leading to a charge of \$15.00. He said Jordan didn't give him an estimate of how long it would take. Chairperson Torno ended the conversation saying Jordan was not present to defend himself.
- Asked why Chief Meehan is taking so long to retire from the Rochester Fire Dept. Chairperson Torno explained they held an Executive Session and Chief Meehan gave his reason for not retiring from Rochester yet. Harrison said Chief Meehan is not working for Lebanon 24/7 as he was supposed to.
- Mentioned that a lot of towns are doing moratoriums on marijuana shops and social clubs. Chairperson Torno said the Selectmen will schedule a workshop to discuss this and put an action plan together.
- He asked Selectmen Nadeau and Heath if they signed their personal copy of the Ethics Policy or if anyone has asked them to sign it? There was discussion about this between Harrison and Selectman Heath with no resolution.

Miscellaneous Discussion

- Mary Lane said the Selectmen need to put an article on the ballot about a 3 year plan for Naiad. She also had a question about the facilities being built on T.M. Wentworth Road.
- Deb Wilson asked questions about a union at the Transfer Station. Wanted to know what position is being offered to replace Ron Patch. The Selectmen said it will be a Lead person and the Selectmen will be supervising the Transfer Station. Deb thinks a committee of townspeople should be put together to negotiate with the union. Selectman Nadeau said the Town Attorney negotiates for the Town.
- Sean Bright of the Planning Board asked to be kept in the loop regarding discussion on a Moratorium. There is a Planning Board meeting on 11/18 at 6:00 pm that the Selectmen will also attend to discuss this and talk about a Comprehensive Plan.
- Ben Thompson asked where the Board is at regarding the Prospect Hill Cemetery. Chairperson Torno said they don't have an answer but will look into it.
- Bettie Harris-Howard mentioned the need for a Comprehensive Plan and wondered how we can get this done. It would have to go to a vote. Sean said the Planning Board is looking into getting this together.

5:45 pm

- Chairperson Torno made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Heath, all in favor.