

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
May 16, 2016**



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

3:30 pm – Open Meeting

- Selectman Nadeau made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSAS 405(6)(F) to discuss confidential records; seconded by Chairperson Torno, all in favor.

3:50 pm

- The Selectmen exited Executive Session.
- Chairperson Torno made a motion to ask for more expense detail for a Virge Atkins request; seconded by Selectman Heath, all in favor.

3:52 pm

- Selectmen signed a Veteran's Exemption presented to them.

3:58 pm

- CEO Mike Beaulieu met with the Selectmen to review his current budget. They discussed how this budget can be reduced so it will pass through Budget Committee and the voters.
- Chip Harlow made the comment that the issue with the Budget Committee is the difference between a full time and part time position. He said the Selectmen need to show the revenues brought in by the CEO so people can see what's being brought in.
- Mike brought in \$37,837 the first 6 months of his employment. He will get a revenue report and a list of his certificates to the Selectmen tomorrow.
- Chairperson Torno made a motion to change the CEO budget as follows: 35 hrs/week which brings his salary to \$37,310 with benefits; reduce travel to \$1,500, increase books to \$300, total should be \$45,192; seconded by Selectman Nadeau, all in favor.

4:25 pm

- Town Clerk Mandy Grenier talked to the Selectmen about her doctor's appointment the day after the May 10 election. Her doctor wants to put Mandy to working only ½ days, but Mandy asked her for 8 hrs the next 2 days. The doctor agreed but Mandy thinks after her next appointment, she will reduce her to ½ days and have her leave work a week earlier than originally planned.
- Chairperson Torno asked Mandy if the doctor would allow her to work from home, if she leaves a week earlier and before the baby comes, so that Dale can call her if need be. Mandy said that would be ok.
- Mandy presented the Board with appointment papers as follows:
 - o Rebecca Beal replaces expired term, Corinna Cole as alternate for Budget Committee. The new ordinance allows for 9 members on the Budget Committee.
 - o Mandy Grenier – Town Clerk/Tax Collector
 - o Dan Meehan – Fire/EMS/EMA Chief
 - o Mike Beaulieu – Building Inspector, Codes Enforcement, Plumbing Inspector, E911 Coordinator
 - o Debi Rix – Interim Treasurer
 - o Sue Collins – GA Administrator

Mandy will also get the appointments for deputies for her department heads.

- Mandy said under law the Town is required to have Fire and Codes – she asked MMA what to do without these departments. It was suggested the Selectmen call Legal.
- Mandy stated that in order to do a paper ballot we only have 45 days and today makes 45 days until the end of the fiscal year. She suggested that an open town meeting be considered. This was discussed at length.
- Chip Harlow asked if the Selectmen and Budget Committee recommendations are required for and open town meeting – the answer is no, however, Chairperson Torno thinks the Budget Committee should be made aware of the open town meeting so the Selectmen can get their ideas.
- Chip Harlow told the Selectmen it is very important for them to get the word out about the town meeting and they need to think of ways to tell the public what's going on. Chairperson Torno suggested a mass mailing with the questions on it.
- Dana Coull said he has attended two public hearings this year. The first moderator raised his voice and Dana felt he lost control of the hearing. The second moderator only allowed 2 questions per person and if the first one wasn't heard, then the person asking was out of luck. He suggested getting a microphone for the public hearings.
- Chairperson Torno made a motion to prepare for an open town meeting on June 25th; seconded by Selectman Nadeau, all in favor.
- Chip suggested putting the Fire Truck on the open town meeting, as it would be a good opportunity to get it passed. Chairperson Torno said they need to discuss the Fire/EMS budget first and that it is most important to keep essential services running.

5:10 pm

- Chairperson Torno made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A); seconded by Selectman Nadeau, all in favor.

5:19 pm

- The Selectmen exited Executive Session.

5:20 pm

- Chris Gilpatrick and Karen Gerrish have been told donations going to the Lebanon Festival are being earmarked for the Town's 250th celebration. Chairperson Torno said the revenue report can be pulled to be sure where the money is going.

5:35 pm

- Corinna Cole commented on the Budget Committee meeting and questions regarding the Transfer Station Budget.

5:38 pm

- Ron Patch – Transfer Station Budget
There are five employees who are all part time with no benefits. Employees receive the same pay except for Transfer Station Manager. Ron was asked if the electricity is shared with the salt/sand shed. He said it is shared with the big barn. They still get reimbursed for one pair of boots per year. As far as outside services, there are companies who take monitors, fridges, TVs, etc.
In order to save some money, Ron suggested closing the Transfer Station on Wednesdays. He said Kevin Hartford comes in on Tuesday and Wednesday to dump his load and it would be easier if they were closed on Wednesday. Selectman Nadeau said it makes more sense to close on Monday because there are several holidays the Transfer Station is closed anyway and it would cause them to be closed two days in a week. Chairperson Torno made a motion to close the Transfer Station on Monday's beginning July 1, 2016; seconded by Selectman Nadeau, all in favor.

- Corinna Cole asked if metal creates an income for the Transfer Station and that they should let people know how much is being brought in with metal. Chairperson Torno said they can bring a revenue report to town meeting to explain to the public.
- Chief Dan Meehan welcomed Chairperson Torno and stated that he wanted to publicly say that he or no one in his department is slamming her. He wants to work together with the Board and he offered an open door to everyone. He would like to see everyone move forward from the past.
- Dan's department did 450 calls this year. They've had 52 medical calls and the ambulance brings in about \$80,000 per year. He said they still don't have the staffing they need but he did hire a paramedic who works 24 hours/week. He still has drivers, but wants two paramedics working off shift from each other. The department does have more advanced EMTs than in the past.
- Chairperson Torno asked how many people are in the department now and how many are local. Chief Meehan said there are 35 members at present and he has hired some but there are not too many local people.
- Chief Meehan discussed the difficulty of finding roads in Lebanon. He will work with the Road Commissioner, Tom Torno to make this easier.
- Chairperson Torno mentioned wellness checks and senior lunches. Dan said they have been doing some wellness at the station, but Chairperson Torno would like them to go to homes. She also asked if the department has any volunteers and was told that they are all employees and certified firefighters.

6:15 pm

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