**Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes 12/3/2019**

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert

Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Gary Agren, Judi Wills, Tom and Agnes Dodd, Mike Malesky, Misty and Brent Davenport, Tony Nile, Keith Mudgett

1. **Call the meeting to order**-Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

**2. Review Minutes from previous meeting-** Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond 2nd and all were in favor.

**3. Old Business-**

**a. Town Signs-** Stacie briefed the board members that she was still waiting for a quote regarding the town signs

**b**. **Wire Bridge Lights-** Stacie briefed the board members that the lights should be hung on the Wire Bridge on Sunday.

**c. Schedule Public Hearing for amended Fire Department Ordinance-**There was a brief discussion regarding a public hearing. The board members and Kip agreed upon scheduling the hearing for January 20, 2020. Stacie would make sure it was posted accordingly.

**d. Wire Bridge Memorial Park Project-**There was a brief discussion regarding the grant funds and how to match them for this project. The board members authorized Stacie to email the grant supervisor to confirm that there were some funds to start this project and we would also like an extension to allow time to complete this project.

**4. Department Heads-**

**a.** Kip discussed with the board members the proposal to install a tankless water heater in the Fire Station as well as a monitor heater in the community room. There was discussion on these two items being an asset to the building. Kip also briefly discussed the fund amount that is remaining for the Fire Department to use, pending selectmen approval, from the T.I.F. funds. The fire department did not get a grant that they applied for to help purchase turnout gear. After this discussion the board agreed for Kip to include costs of said turnout gear in his 2020 budget. Kip briefly discussed with the board the area behind the fire station for a landing pad for Lifeflight. The board members were in agreement for Kip to look into the matter and update the board on the matter at a later date.

**b.** Mike reviewed with the board 3 abatements that were deleted or old accounts to clean up the town books

1. Denise Quirion 75.65 for 2017 Raymond motioned to accept Wayne 2nd and all were in favor

65.78 for 2018 Raymond motioned to accept Wayne 2nd and all were in favor

2. Raymond Brown 157.41 for 2017 Raymond motioned to accept Wayne 2nd and all were in favor

**c.** The board and Brent Davenport discussed a proposal from Embden’s plow contractor to sand the Embden end of Katie Crotch Rd. and part of Hancock Pond Rd. This contractor will supply 300 yards of salt and sand. After a brief discussion the board members Brent stated it was more than enough sand and salt to do this and the extra would belong to the Town of New Portland. Andrea motioned to allow this to take place, Wayne 2nd and all were in favor. The board members and Brent had a brief discussion regarding a misunderstanding regarding where the school bus turnaround was on New Portland Hill Rd.

**6. Items by the Public-** Tom Dodd presented information to the board members asking the members to revisit their decision regarding the turnaround for Chick Rd. Tom provided pictures of the area in question, as well as previous documentation regarding the location of the turnaround on the Chick Rd. The board members reiterated to Tom that as the turnaround has been in the past places it in an area that is technically a private driveway. Brent voiced his opinion on the matter and also felt it was not proper to plow a private driveway and he had other options for a turnaround area if Tom would not allow the area they have used, which is still on Tom’s property, for the past couple of storms. Tom and Agnes would not give permission to use this area and Tom provided reasons for their decision on that matter. Gary also provided his opinion on the matter as Road Commissioner. After a thorough discussion regarding the matter the Andrea motioned to look into a turnaround at a different location, Wayne 2nd and all were in favor. Agnes voiced her disappointment on how this matter was handled. The board members and Stacie voiced their apologies to not reaching out to them directly when they changed the location of the turnaround.

**7. Items by the Town Manager-**

**a.** The board reviewed and signed payroll and A/P warrants

**b**. The board reviewed and signed the Treasurer’s Report

**c.** The board and Stacie reviewed the accounts that the town had foreclosed on. Stacie was to issue one last letter to the owners regarding the back taxes owed, before the board would start a bidding process.

**d**. Stacie reviewed with the board a possible time to start budget talks to be at the next scheduled selectmen’s meeting. The board members were in agreement with that. The board reminded all other department heads to have figures for them by the next meeting.

**8. Items by the Board of Selectmen-** There were no items by the board

Meeting adjourned at 7:24p.m.

*These minutes were approved by the board of Selectmen at the December 16th meeting. smr*