

Minutes of the January 12, 2015 Select Board Meeting

In attendance: Ron Tallman, George Wild, Dustin Comstock, Kathie Felch, John Barnes, Lee Youngman

Board Chairman Ron Tallman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

On a motion made by George and seconded by Dustin, the minutes from the December 29th, 2014 meeting were approved with the following changes: 2002 International was changed to 1999 International, and date of next meeting should be changed to January 12, 2015 from January 15, 2015.

On a motion made by Dustin and seconded by George, the annual Certificate of Highway Mileage was approved and signed. Kathie will send to the state.

Kathie informed the board of a complaint from the state department of health concerning the Health Officer, and asked to wait until Lee arrived to discuss it with her.

The board discussed the 2nd draft of the 2015 highway fund budget. Kathie told the board of the MSHA requirement that the road crew wear steel toed boots in the pit. The board directed her to look at prices and include it in the uniform budget. They then moved on to the general fund budget. After some discussion about differences between tech support and training line items, Ron advised Kathie to make sure she has budgeted enough money to cover all tech needs. The board will meet again on January 26th to finalize the 2015 budget. At this point, it looks like the highway fund tax rate will be .031 and the general fund will stay level funded at 0.20.

Kathie told the board that Renee from Fothergill, Segale and Valley will come on 1/15 and the auditors will also meet on 1/15 to finalize all the 2014 numbers. She will bring the final version of the 2014 budget to actual to the 1/26 meeting for the board's approval.

Kathie told the board that Lee Cataneo called her to let her know that there is money available this year for the 2015 High Risk Rural Road Grant. The board had previously identified the section of Reservoir road where it intersects Lords Road as a high risk curve. The town of Orange had discussed purchasing a small piece of that land from Barre City in the past, to straighten out that section of road. George will go talk to them about it again and report back at the February meeting.

The town needs to put the Reservoir Road paving out to bid. The board will work on this and bring something to the next meeting for February.

Ron and Kathie brought the board up to date on their conversations with Mary L Strong from the health Department. Our paperwork was not filed correctly to change Health Officers, so until it is, Ron Tallman needs to be the acting Health Officer. She said we must go do a health inspection at the property located on Butterfield Woods Road, owned by John Sousa and rented by Christopher Garrison. Ron directed Lee to set that inspection up for Wednesday January 14 at 9:30 am. Ron and Dustin will do the inspection.

The board reviewed and approved the accounts payable and payroll warrants.

Kathie asked for authorization to sign Town Hall Rental Agreements if they do not require special considerations. She pointed out that many of the rental dates have already passed by the time the board meets to sign the agreements. She asked for clarification about the use of alcohol on the premises. It is allowed with select board approval, as long as the renter hires a sheriff. Those requests must be approved by the board.

Dustin reported that he had tried to contact Peter Katz, a representative of American Towers and did not receive a call back from them. Ron directed Kathie to tell our town attorney not to spend any more time on this issue.

With no further regular business to discuss, the board made a motion to go into executive session at 7:05 pm to discuss personnel issues. The board came out of executive session at 7:40 pm.

At 7:42 pm, Dustin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by George.

Attest: Lee Youngman, Assistant Town Clerk