

# Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes April 9, 2018

**Opening:** The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:00PM on April 9, 2018 in Stow by John Plowden

**Present: Selectmen:** John Plowden, Ray Ryan, and Margaret Robbins **Town Clerk:** Christine Carone  
**Treasurer/Secretary:** Diana Davis **Road Agent:** **Residents:** Carrie Garland, Lawrence Perry, Tammy Buckley, Steven Dupuis, and Jane Nesbitt

After the March 20<sup>th</sup> selectmen's meeting two selectmen, Kathleen Ela and Susan Smith, resigned. Also Road Agent, William Ela, resigned. There was a Special Town Meeting held on March 31, 2018 to elect two new selectmen, Ray Ryan and Margaret Robbins.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was unanimously approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

The board voted (2-0) for John Plowden to be Chairman of the Board. Margaret also suggested the board send thank you letters to Kathleen Ela, Susan Smith, and William Ela for their years of serving the Town. Margaret will draft the letters.

**Town Clerk Business:** Chris asked what a "Contributor" of the website was. She was notified by email that "the Brown Clan" was added to the website. Carrie said it was someone to help do updates and that Susan Smith was still one. Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve Carrie Garland as Town Administrator of website with Kirsten Brown as a contributor. As we still need to get our first domain released from Carla @ AlpineWeb Design, Ray volunteered to work on that issue.

Two new Homestead Exemptions applications were approved. One Supplemental Tax bill was also signed by the board. Selectmen need to choose a new Health Officer. This position had been held by Kathleen Ela.

**Open Issue:** The issue of pursuing a nonresident for repayment to the Town for tuition paid to Fryeburg Academy for their child to attend is still ongoing. Selectmen voted (3-0) for the Town's attorney to pursue.

Long Meadow Brook Project – John met with PDMG Jorge Arbulu, FEMA and got all the paperwork required to apply for reimbursement. Paul Buckley has volunteered to assist John with the process.

**New Business:** Selectmen voted yes, (3-0), to all terms for a Tax Anticipation Note for the amount of \$250,000.00 with "As Needed" option. To be paid back in full on or before December 31, 2018.

Diana explained how the Profit and Loss report is read for selectmen to know how much can be spent in each account. Also which account have to be carry forwards for designated funds and which are not.

There has been a complaint that there isn't a designated Handicapped Parking Spot. Selectmen agreed to get a sign to display on post near entrance.

Regarding mowing, raking, and maintaining Town properties, the selectmen need to get price quotes.

Steve Dupuis is going to remove the branches at Hillcrest Cemetery that could cause extreme damage to grave markers if they fell down.

Tammy Buckley asked for approval for a Community Garden located on Town Office property. They would be raised beds and would be created and maintained at no cost to the Town. Selectmen approved (3-0).

Jane Nesbitt would like to hold a Community Coffee in the all-purpose room on May 19<sup>th</sup> and if it goes well could possibly hold one once a month. Selectmen approved (3-0).

Steve requested that the Planning Board's budget return to a carry forward account so that they may build up their account to cover work they need to do plus cover any unforeseen legal cost they might accrue. Selectmen approved (3-0).

Also Steve wanted our community cleanup volunteers for Valley Pride Day on May 5<sup>th</sup> to meet in the Town Office parking lot to get your bags and return there afterward to have a cookout. Selectmen approved (3-0).

Conservation Committee would like the electricity turned off for the xmas tree. Steve will use the moneys saved to purchase solar lights. Diana will call Central Maine Power with request.

It was asked how much the gravel from the New Sand and Salt Shed land was sold for. It was \$4.00 @ yard but the purchaser loaded and hauled it away at no cost to the Town.

**Roads:** John got quotes from four contractors to repair north end of Union Hill Road. Selectmen voted (3-0) to award Drew Corp the project. He also got two quotes for grading the entire dirt section of Union Hill Rd. It was suggested and approved that it might be more cost effective if Drew Corp could do this work after he completed the north end project.

John said we need cold patch and gravel to fill pot holes on all Town roads. Fox and Sons has quoted: a one ton truck, a two man crew, and loader for \$65.00 @hour to fill the holes. Selectmen approved (3-0).

Tammy Buckley asked if they were going to rip the tar off all Town roads. Selectmen replied, they don't have a plan yet.

John found an operator for the Town's excavator to ditch sides of roads. Carl Drew said the Town could hire a truck and driver from him for \$35.00 @hour to haul away materials removed from ditches. Selectmen need to survey roads to know what needs to be done.

Also selectmen need to write up description for what they need in a Road Agent and then take applications.

Snow Contract needs to be updated and then put out to bid. The question came up asking why the State doesn't plow Rt. 113. Chris responded that this has been asked before and the State will plow and bill the Town but it will cost a lot more money.

Warrant #7 for \$13,174.94 was approved and signed.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM by John Plowden. The next selectmen's meeting will be held at 6:00PM on Monday, April 23, 2018.

Minutes submitted by: Diana Davis