

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2017

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: Judith Hoag; Albert Sirard; Chair, David DiNicola was on vacation
Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA)

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$19,727.98; Expenses: \$20,557.61

Minutes of 12/4 and 12/9 approved with minor changes on motion by Judy,
Al 2nd; vote 2-0.

Board met with Jeanne LeClair, Economic Development Director of the Gateway Hilltowns. She gave an update on the progress of the economic development goals of the first 6 months she has been on the job. She has built a website for the communities, has been assessing the general capacity of the buildings, posting events on the calendar and visiting all of the 6 towns. Jeanne hopes to focus on the individual towns over the 3rd quarter as she has found that “little things can make a big difference” when it comes to dealing with the various entities. She said she is getting 2-3 calls a day with questions on website development and high speed internet usage. She has seen a need for accommodating visitors and engaging the youth of the area. There was also discussion on the status of high speed internet in the various towns. Jeanne would like to attend the Selectboard meetings when proposals are being made by various providers. Besides the MBI grant available, USDA also has a program to aid the small towns seeking high speed internet. The Board thanked her for her attendance and willingness to work with the towns.

TA requested the Town Hall be closed on Saturday, December 23rd for the Christmas weekend, Board approved and TA will notify individuals and have posted on Town website.

Al advised he has quotes coming in on the installation of generators for the Fire Station and Highway Garage, he believes a ballpark figure will be in the \$20,000 area. He also suggested the Town set up an account with a local electric supply company. That way purchases could be made with no sales tax, at a wholesale price and then the job could be hired out for just the cost of labor.

Weston Holt has expressed an interest in doing some work for the Town, Judy motioned to hire him at \$15/hr, Al 2nd; vote 2-0. TA will contact him to see if he is still interested and could be used for shoveling the snow at the Town Hall and Senior Center at this time.

Judy also said a ceiling tile in the auditorium fell and the sink in the custodian closet is dripping. TA will check on both and see if additional maintenance is needed.

Al motioned to adjourn, July 2nd; vote 2-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Judith Hoag

Albert Sirard