

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Meeting opened at 6:02pm.

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

Minutes of 1/29/18 and 2/1/18 on motions by Dave, Al 2nd; vote 2-0, Judy abstained as she was not present.

Mail: letter from Eleanor Doyle regarding her trip and fall over furniture in hallway. At time of fall she did not want her name divulged and now wants report made. TA will file report with insurance company, MIIA.

Kathy O'Brien met with board regarding complaint of how the Highway Dept. plowed snow during the 12/12 storm. She showed a 3 minute video taken at night, Board could not determine what she was showing as picture was dark and lights from truck were about the only thing visible. She stated it had never been plowed this way before and Skip was being vindictive in light of the charges she had filed against him. After her statements, she left the meeting.

Waste Management contract one year extension was approved on motion by Dave, Judy 2nd; vote 3-0.

Next was discussion on appraisal on former landfill and Jack Cobb property. Quote from Crowley and Associates was \$4,000 and Dave felt this was too high. TA explained this firm was recommended as being fair and reasonable. Also, property can only be transferred at an Annual Town Meeting and time is of importance. There is a 6 week time period for the appraisal to be submitted, a 1 week posting notice for the ATM and only 9 weeks until the ATM. Dave will seek other price quotes and advise.

The Broadband Committee was next on the agenda; currently there are 2 members, Howard Knickerbocker and Maureen Sullivan. Dave motioned to appoint Tamarin Laurel-Paine, Jay Swift and Brent Lebane(sp), Judy 2nd; vote 3-0. TA will sent appointment letters to all. Their duties will include reviewing all of the proposals, weeding out the best options and bring them to the Selectboard so they can be presented to the townspeople. MBI will be advised of their decision. Dave also noted he had spoken with Tamarin and this committee should be focused on the facts and not part of another discussion outside of the committee. He also felt there should be Finance Committee involvement at some point. This is a diverse alliance and hopefully all will contribute to the decision.

Highway Superintendent, Skip Savery, met with the Board. He was advised of Kathy's complaint about the plowing. Skip said all of the culverts were snow covered as the wind was blowing and drifted the snow. He also said that Chris was plowing the area during

that snow and he was clearing the intersection as best he could. He was not purposely plowing the snow to seek revenge on Kathy.

Skip also noted that mud season was early as the temperatures were extremely warm for this time of the year and the dirt roads were a mess. He has been spreading ¾" stone on the bad areas but has to be careful not to make the roads worse by using the big truck. Once the weather cools he will be raking the roads.

Judy commented on the Comcast proposal that was given earlier, she felt they offered more services other than high speed broadband and phone. Comcast also has the option for cable TV and cell phone service; their proposal would cost 1.84 million.

Dave said the only outstanding loan the town has is on the Town Hall roof and window replacement with the final payment being due next Fiscal Year in the amount of \$16,429. He also discussed the Sarah Dickson School Fund as the basketball court needs repaving. This fund was used to originally used to create the court after approval by the Probate Court.

There was continued discussion regarding the number of accounts the Treasurer has with some of the accounts not obtaining the highest interest rates possible. Combining the accounts into a smaller number would help simplify the tracking of the Town's finances and obtain the best interest rates possible. Dave felt everyone is doing their job but there are some gaps. He also advised that MBI requested the Town return the unused balance of the Wireless Pilot Program, the town will be returning \$98,869 to MBI. This money will be used when a high speed provider is finally selected.

Dave motioned to adjourn. At 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

David DiNicola. Chair

Judith Hoag

Albert Sirard