

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2014 WINDSOR TOWN OFFICE

Note: These minutes may not be considered an official public record until such time as they are read and accepted by the Board of Selectmen Members.

Members present: Richard Gray, Jr., Jonathan Adams, Dan Gordon, Ronnie Brann and Ray Bates (arrived at 6:19 p.m.).

Public Attending: Tom Reed.

Employees Attending: Theresa Haskell (*Town Manager*), Keith Hall (Road Supervisor) and Debbie French (*Secretary to the BOS*).

Jonathan Adams called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Ronnie Brann made a motion to approve the Minutes dated 1-28-14 as written seconded by Rick Gray, Jr. and approved 3-0-1 with Jonathan abstaining due to his absence from that meeting.

Public Works:

- a) Keith said that he did some scraping on the Choate and Shuman Roads this morning.
- b) Keith told the BOS that we are supposed to be getting heavy snow (8-12 inches) on Thursday/Friday. He is hoping that we will not be getting any freezing rain.
- c) Theresa suggested posting the other end of roads that have already been posted at one end from the other towns.
- d) Trucks are all running good and the garage is great he said. Theresa said that the heating fuel line for PW may be over because they had to run heat during the building process.

Transfer Station:

- a) Theresa has the January Transfer Station Figures which shows that we are down overall by \$1,073.51 from this time last year.
- b) Tim had told Theresa that he would like to have a sheet made up showing how many pounds per day were taken in for the MSW. He would also like to have new sheets made up for Non-Profit Organizations in town i.e. Fire Station, Food Bank, Town Hall. Debbie will be making up new sheets for this.

Public Comment:

a) Tom Reed had a man from Monmouth looking at the cemeteries for tree removal. Much discussion.

Consideration of Payment Warrants # 36 and # 37:

Ronnie Brann made a motion to approve warrants # 36, and # 37 seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Town Manager's Items:

a) Theresa had a letter from Vern Ziegler regarding the Preliminary 2015 State Valuation from Maine Revenue Services. It looks as though the CMP Project will be about half of the expected tax revenue plus the decommissioning of the Maxcys Mill Station. Vern recommends that we have an independent valuation. He is recommending that an increase in the FY 2014-2015 municipal budget to hire William VanTuinen as he has the knowledge and experience to provide us with a supportable and defensible assessment for electric utility taxation. (Much discussion)

b) Theresa received a call from a lady from the OSHA Compliance Journal. The last one we had was 2010. The cost is \$300.00 or we can go on line and print off the same materials. The only possible downfall would be that we might miss something. The feeling is that as long as we go by the 2010 outline and just update to 2014 we should be okay.

c) Theresa has one property that should have been foreclosed last Friday on the Vigue Road. The post office has a different number Vigue Road than the Town has and it appears that the homeowners might not have gotten the certified letters for this. MMA told Theresa the most important notice that the taxpayer gets is the recorded 30-day notice and they said to hand deliver a copy of this to the property owners and then the owner has 90 days to take care of this. The other thing is that there are 3 (three) different pictures on the tax card of the same property which looks like they put 2 (two) mobile homes together and then changed the siding on one of them.

Selectmen's Items:

a) Ray said that one of the things that needs to happen in our Town Warrant is to allow for the cost of setting up the ASU SAU for the situation of the Town getting out of the RSU to set up for the new school, situation. They do not have a good handle on what the amount should be ... could be up to \$200,000.00. They will also have to set up a new school board who then will have to come up with a new school budget in which we will have to budget 14 months of operating costs into 12 months. <u>Much discussion</u>.

b) Tomorrow morning the Withdrawal Committee will be meeting with Cony High School to see about the cost of a 10-year contract with them. They have also been checking with the RSU 2 which has 3 high schools which are Monmouth, Hall Dale and Richmond.

Chairman Ray Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on <u>February 25, 2014 with the correction of SAU</u> instead of ASU under Selectmen's Items (a).

There will be a Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting on Budget Preparation on February 18, 2014.

The next Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be on February 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie French Secretary to the Board of Selectmen