



MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2015
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: Ray Bates, Richard Gray, Jr., Dan Gordon, Ronnie Brann and Jonathan Adams.

Members Absent: None.

Public Attending: Tom Reed & Logan Botbyl.

Employees Attending: Theresa Haskell (*Town Manager*), Keith Hall (*Road Supervisor*), Tim Coston (*Transfer Station Supervisor and Animal Control Officer*) and Debbie French (*Secretary to the BOS*).

Ray Bates called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Ronnie Brann made a motion to approve the Minutes dated 12-30-14 as written seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 4-0-1 with Jonathan abstaining due to not being at that meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Public Works:

- a) Keith said that truck #4 is back from having some electrical problems fixed.
- b) Keith needs to get the plow back on truck #4 and then he'll be ready to go.
- c) There were some issues with people driving too fast in the snow and going off the road.
- d) We were down a truck for this last storm.
- e) We are still doing okay with the salt even though we have had to use a lot on these little storms.

Transfer Station:

- a) **Monthly Figures:** The figures show that we are down from last year at this time by \$1,633.71.
- b) Tim thought that the metal check should have been here by now since it was hauled in December. Theresa said that she will be looking into this.

Animal Control Officer Items:

- a) Tim said that there had been an issue with abandoned geese. Vaughn Turner, the owner of the geese had been evicted and left the geese behind and a neighbor called and reported that they were not taken care of.
- b) A friend of Vaughn Turner, Logan Botbyl, said that he has been helping Vaughn move from that residence and told the BOS that there were 3 different places for the geese to have shelter and a

heated pool for their water. However, the geese apparently did not find these resources so Tim removed them and took them to a temporary shelter.

Consideration of Payment Warrants #30 and #31:

Jonathan Adams made a motion to approve warrants #30 and #31 seconded by Rick Gray, Jr. and approved 5-0-0.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Town Manager's Items:

- a) **Welcome to Windsor Packets:** No one remembered to bring their packets tonight. There have been a few changes which were discussed before. Theresa went over the packets with the BOS and they said it was good.
- b) **2014 Snowmobile Reimbursement:** Theresa said that we have received a check in the amount of \$920.18 of which 75% goes to the snowmobile club and in the past the remaining 25% has been divided between the Windsor Boy Scouts, Windsor Girls Scouts and the Windsor Youth Association. **Ronnie Brann made a motion to approve giving the Snowmobile Club 75%, and the Windsor Boy Scouts, Windsor Girl Scouts and the Windsor Youth Association each to receive 1/3 of the remaining 25% seconded by Jonathan Adams and approved 5-0-0.**
- c) **ASCAP:** Theresa received another renewal notice on this.
- d) **Quote from JNM Electric – CMP Lighting:** Theresa has some examples of lighting that would be available with rebates for our outside lights at the town hall. She will have more information next time. There was discussion about CMP lighting. The BOS said that they will leave it up to Theresa regarding a simple CMP lease.
- e) **Quote on Flooring at Town Office \$1500.00:** **Ronnie Brann made a motion to approve the flooring to be done in the office seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0.**
- f) **Flagpole Light:** Dick Avery said the light at the flagpole at the church on the corner of Reed Road had been dug up during construction but they hope to fix it soon.
- g) **Theresa said that the 6-month Budget will be coming out soon.**
- h) **Annual Town Meeting:** Angela drew up some dates to comply with the requirements of what has to happen within the timelines for the Annual Town Meeting.
- i) The Budget Committee Ordinance says that you cannot be on the committee and also be a town employee. Tom Reed would really like to be back on this board. (He came off because he is considered as a town employee since he does receive compensation for being the cemetery sexton). The BOS can either override this or have a public hearing on changing the wording on it. The Budget Committee Ordinance, Section 2-D states “No Town Official or employee may be a member of the Budget Committee, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Selectmen. This person would also abstain in the areas of his/her position as a Town Official or employee during the budget process.” No decision was made at this meeting.
- j) **RSU 12 Finance Committee Report:** The first paragraph was regarding the Windsor Educational Foundation and Reed Fund Committee as a form of “local control”. Much discussion.

- k) The Planning Board Meeting that Theresa attended had a sub-division on the agenda which was not approved through the correct process and may have to be re-done to comply with the Town of Windsor Sub-Division Ordinance. There was much discussion.
- l) **Letter of Abatement from Tax Assessors' Agent Vern Ziegler: Jonathan Adams made a motion to recess ad BOS and to convene as BOA at 6:46 p.m. seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0.** In the letter Vern said that there were a few errors on Mr. & Mrs. Ryan's tax card which he has now fixed making a \$117.00 difference in the tax bill. **Rick Gray, Jr. made a motion to approve and sign the abatement amount in the amount of \$117.00 for RE Account#1001 seconded by Ronnie Brann and approved 5-0-0.**
- m) **Legislative Changes to Tree Growth Tax Law:** Vern gave the BOS a printout of the Legislative changes to Tree Growth and the letters he has created for these changes. Theresa read the letter out loud to the BOS and public. Much discussion. The BOS said they were okay with the letters that the Assessors' Agent has written and they can be used. **Jonathan Adams made a motion to recess as BOA and to reconvene as BOS at 7:26 p.m. seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0.**
- n) Theresa has met with Jerry Douglas from the Maine Department of Transportation/Maine Local Roads Center and will put all roads into a RSMS 11 program. This program is designed to help municipalities create a road inventory, conduct road surveys and ultimately develop a Road Network Repair Plan.
- o) There was a meeting here last night of various towns. There was discussion regarding the proposals of the state excise tax and the changes for homestead exemptions. They talked about contacting their representatives with the towns' officers and residents. This could be a great burden to little towns. Much discussion.

Selectmen's Items: None.

Chairman Ray Bates adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved as written by the Board of Selectmen on **January 29, 2015.**

The next Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. (Meeting was re-scheduled to the 29th due to blizzard)

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie French
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen