Selectmen's Meeting Minutes February 25, 2019

The Selectmen's meeting held at 6:44 p.m. on February 25, 2019 the following people were in attendance: Peter Corey, John Tholl, and Stanley Holz participated via conference call.

Peter said he got a call from Fire Chief Ross. Littleton has two fire trucks out of service, and they would like us to loan them Engine #2 until they get a truck back up. If we don't, we will get called out for all the calls through mutual aid. Chief Ross thinks it would be to our advantage to loan it to them and that it will cost us less money in the long run.

John Tholl made a motion that we approve the request to loan an engine to the Town of Littleton. The motion was seconded by Stanley Holz. Roll Call: Peter Corey—Yes; Stanley Holz—Yes; John Tholl—Yes. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed.

Peter called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. to discuss a change in the Water Ordinance dealing with meter pits. There were five people in attendance.

Peter explained that with the current water improvement project, we are replacing water meters in the Town. One thing that came up is the subject of water meter pits. We have had a lot of problems in the past with meters freezing and pits freezing up and we end up losing water that is not metered. The installer who is doing the meter installation for the Town does this all over the northeast and discussed with us the concept of frost-free meter pits that have been installed in cold areas (colder than here) and work well. We thought it prudent to adopt language that says meter pits that are to be installed or repaired, be installed in accordance with the frost-free meter pits. Peter read the proposed ordinance language as follows:

A meter pit may be installed at the customer's expense if the customer chooses or cannot provide a proper indoor location for the meter install. The meter pit shall be located on the customer's property outside of right-of-ways, roads, and driveways. It must be accessible to the Water Department. Any damage to the meter pit will be repaired at the customer's expense. The Water Department can provide an approved meter pit at the customer's expense for the price of the department's cost from an approved vendor. An approved meter pit must consist of a style that is no less than 18 inches wide and 60 inches deep for a 5/8-3/4 inch meter. A wider meter pit will be necessary for larger meter sizes. The meter pit shall have an insulation disc and a double lid. The water line shall enter and exit no more than 3 inches from the bottom of the meter pit. The water line shall be kept a minimum of 2 inches from the walls of the meter pit going up to and from the water meter. The water meter and water line shall be supported in the meter pit by a pit setter. The water meter shall be 14-16 inches down from ground level. There shall be at least one meter valve and an approved back flow device in the meter pit. The meter valve shall be on the supply side and the back-flow device on the customer side of the water meter.

John Tholl made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance language change to the Water Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Stanley Holz. Roll Call: Peter Corey—Yes; Stanley Holz—Yes; John Tholl—Yes. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The Board reviewed the Town Meeting Warrant & Budget with Moderator Brekke.

Judy relayed the message from the Common Committee about the banner on the gazebo. The Board said any suggestions from the committee for a community message board would be helpful.

A motion was made by John Tholl to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) the hiring of any person as a public employee. The motion was seconded by Stanley Holz. Roll Call: Peter Corey—Yes; Stanley Holz—Yes; John Tholl-Yes. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed. The Board entered non-public session at 6:55 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.