

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2020

At the Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, January 27, 2020 the following people were in attendance: Peter Corey and John Tholl. Stanley Holz did not participate.

Chairman Tholl called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Prosecutor Contract was tabled for tonight and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Peter addressed the two planning board issues. It was brought to the attention of the planning board that the MBI trucks that haul waste have been parking at David Presby's property at 154 Airport Road, (Tax Map 234, Lot 006-1), across from Presby Plastics. A concern was raised to the Planning Board and the Planning Board sent a letter requesting what operations and activities were on-going with the trucks. There is a lot of anxiety with the possible future landfill in Dalton and the Planning Board is wondering what they are doing with the trucks and if it might constitute a change of use. There was no response to the two letters sent, and the Planning Board has referred it to the Board of Selectmen for enforcement. John Tholl said he is wondering if it is a violation of anything. Peter thought a simple call to Dave Presby asking him what is going on with the trucks. John said he will get his number and reach out to him. We shouldn't need to get attorneys involved at this point.

The second issue is for S&S Property, LLC, 398 Parker Road (Map 228, Lot 013) and an issue with a septic approval. They purchased the building at the end of Parker Road and are putting a lot of work into it. They came to the planning board for a permit and in reviewing the building permit it was requesting a permit for a 3-bedroom renovation and in reviewing the file it appears the septic system is only sufficient for a 2-bedroom home. The Board requested they get a septic installer and have the system evaluated to see if it can accommodate a 3-bedroom home. They were sent two letters and no response. Hence it is referred to the Board of Selectmen for further action. We will contact Shane and Sara to check on the status of the septic approval.

Rob Larson, Public Works Director, said he has some new revelations and each of the three departments operated under budget and he is re-evaluating his 2020 budget figures. He feels he can reduce his highway budget by \$10,000. He feels he can hold off on hiring the full-time person at the transfer station rather than going with a full-time person. That would reduce the transfer station budget.

Rob has a presentation on how the water/sewer billing should be approached that he will present after town meeting. They are looking at a possible elderly exemption for water/sewer bills. The commercial bills will be increasing. DES has looked at it and has approved it and Granite State Water thought it was a good plan. Rob said he will work with Joyce and Fred on it and hopefully give the Board a presentation and then a public presentation after town meeting.

Rob feels he can reduce the sewer budget by \$30,000. Peter said don't forget there needs to be something put aside each year for unexpected expenses, repairs and replacement that come up with the water and sewer budgets. After discussion, Rob said he feels he will leave the water and sewer budgets as presented currently.

The Board feels we need to go with 3% pay raises for the employees. The evaluation process was discussed and how to apply to the raises. The proposed Selectmen salary increases were discussed.

Rob Larson said he got three estimates for the generator replacement at the Robinson well:

Androscoggin Electric with transfer switch: \$32,000

Powers Guaranteed Generators with transfer switch: \$26,700

JA Corey Electric with transfer switch and 10-year warranty: \$22,292

Rob would like to award this contract to the low bidder. JA Corey is the apparent low bidder. Peter Corey abstained from voting so we will vote on awarding this bid at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to approve the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2020 and January 15, 2020. The motion was seconded by John Tholl. All in favor, 2-0. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to enter non-public session at 7:20 p.m. pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II(I) (Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present). The motion was seconded by John Tholl. All in favor, 2-0. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned from non-public session at 7:35 p.m.

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