

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 16, 2017

At the Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. the following people were in attendance: Wendy Hersom, Mark Lufkin, and Peter Corey.

Michael Hogan of Twin Mountain attended the meeting. He is part of the ski board in Twin Mountain. It was a little frustrating this year, and they have been running the ski program for a number of years and they only budget for the bus and people say why do we pay for the bus for everyone. Mr. Hogan said a couple weeks before sign-up this year we were informed that Whitefield decided not to pay for the bus. They broke it down and they have a revolving fund at the Twin Mountain Recreation Department. They do a number of activities and it is going to cost the town of Twin Park & Recreation \$1210 out of their revolving fund to cover the cost of the bus. Whitefield is the highest with the number of students, 29. He went to the Whitefield School and talked to the Principal about this. He is not sure who's program this should be—possibly the school? He wanted the Town to know what they were paying for the cost of the program. He doesn't know if this is a school problem. He is planning on going to the school board as well. He doesn't feel the Town of Twin should pick up the burden, but he doesn't want to cancel the program or do away with it. He doesn't feel it is fair we have been picking up the tab, and he knows the Town of Whitefield used to pay half the tab. He was wondering if we had any questions. Wendy said basically we decided not to pay for the Cannon bus this year, and therefore decided not to pay for the Bretton Woods bus. Kelly Smith is the Recreation Director, and she was looking at saving costs and she was looking at Lancaster where the parents get the kids to the ski area and it is a volunteer program not sponsored by the Recreation Department. Peter said Kelly brought up that there was an agreement or arrangement in exchange for paying for half of the cost of the busing we would have access to the Twin Mountain town hall. Mr. Hogan said the town hall has been condemned and closed. The Fire Chief came in for the state and they have to do over \$150,000 or more in improvements that have to be done because it has to be up to standards so they closed it for safety reasons. They had been using the basketball court right along. Peter said he is surprised they are using the bus for Whitefield kids to go to Bretton Woods as he was under the impression that parents would be carpooling the kids to the ski area. The bus is no longer going to Cannon Mountain. Mrs. Hogan said this year the school is making all the kids do a program on Wednesdays, and she feels if they are making it mandatory then it should be covered by the school. They also have kids from Dalton who participate, as well as Jefferson and Dalton. Judy said back when she did the ski program we added on a fee to the cost of sign up to cover the cost of the bus. Peter asked about a corporate sponsor to pay for the bus. Mr. Hogan said they do have a couple people out at Bretton Woods who pay for some of the kids to have actual ski lessons. The Board thanked Mr. Hogan for the information.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes, the motion was seconded by Mark Lufkin, and unanimously approved.

The Board worked on finalizing the budget and worked on warrant articles for the town meeting warrant. The Board will not meet next Monday, January 23rd, as the Planning Board is having a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Development Guide. The Bond Public Hearing is scheduled for January 30th at 7:00 p.m. The Selectmen's Meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

Mark and Peter said the new LED street lights have been put up in the following locations: in front of the consignment shop across from Dunkin Donuts on Union Street, at the corner of Jefferson Road and King Square in front of the Allard Block, on Elm Street on the left the last street light before Pine Street, and the first light on the left on Holly Heights. Peter and Mark felt they put off the same color light as the current street lights, but are a little sharp on the eyes if you look at them directly.

The Board discussed with Shawn White about replacing the skid steer loader. Shawn said if we could find a good used one with many hours on it and in good condition he wouldn't have a problem with that.

The Board discussed discontinuing Richardson Drive and Lunn Drive. Shawn said Lunn Drive is pretty much a private driveway we are maintaining. It used to be part of the state roadways, and it used to wrap around Gunderson's house, but the easement was taken off. Shawn said Richardson Drive is 300 feet long, maybe a little less and services three homes. The rationale is Thom is never happy—he wants it plowed and he doesn't want it plowed so it would be easier just to give it up. Wendy said that is not really fair to the other two homeowners. Wendy said there are two other people on the road. Just because you have one person who is more vocal, that is not fair to the other two people. Sondra said that only makes sense if it is a town road then the town decides when it is plowed.

In reference to Lunn Drive, Shawn will go speak with Mr. Lunn and the State DOT office again and get back to the Board in the next 10 days.

Sondra Brekke asked why Wendy was testifying at the Northern Pass hearing and not the town attorney, and Wendy said she is testifying on behalf of the Town—the Town Attorney cannot.

Shawn discussed with the Board an issue with sand removal from the town garage this past weekend. Wendy said she would hate to see the Town run out of sand for the roads because residents are taking it for their driveways. Shawn said the new regulations for the sand seems to be working so he feels we need to stick with it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.