

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2017

At the Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. the following people were in attendance: Wendy Hersom, John Tholl, and Peter Corey.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to approve the October 30, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by John Tholl. Wendy abstained as she was not in attendance at the October 30th meeting. Motion passed 2-0.

The Board reviewed the memo from the WWWTF RFQ Committee in reference to the two qualification packages they received and interviews they conducted. Peter said he sat in on the interviews and said Phil Beaulieu and his committee did a phenomenal job with this process. A motion was made by Peter Corey to accept the recommendation of the Committee to award the contract for the upgrade of the wastewater treatment facility to Wright-Pierce. The motion was seconded by John Tholl. Motion passed 3-0. We will send out letters notifying both firms.

The Planning Board had some questions in reference to Boutwell Road, which was discontinued at the 1997 Town Meeting. We checked with NHMA and they said that when a town road is completely discontinued, it reverts back to the being owned/managed by whomever owns the underlying land, usually the abutting property owners, but sometimes the homeowners' association. Once completely discontinued, the town no longer has any authority over the road. John said he would pass this on to the Planning Board at their meeting tomorrow night.

The Planning Board has some issues with North Country Council not doing everything they were supposed to do in their contract for the CIP. Wendy said she would like to look at the contract and see what it says about not completing the contract.

The town reviewed the two health insurance proposals for the town employees for 2018. We are currently with New Hampshire Interlocal Trust and the cost for the plan was to increase 14.52%. We received a proposal from Health Trust for Health Insurance which was \$68,053.58 less than the N.H. Interlocal Trust quote. If we leave N.H. Interlocal Trust we cannot rejoin for two years and we forfeit the \$5,062.15 refund. A motion was made by Wendy Hersom to accept the proposal from Health Trust for the employee's health insurance for 2018. The motion was seconded by John Tholl. Motion passed 3-0. The Board will decide on the employee contribution at a future meeting.

Gerry Pons attended the meeting to review the 2018 budget request for Whitefield Economic Development Corporation. He said they would like to request reinstatement of the \$5,000 that was budgeted for Economic Development. They would use these funds to fund projects as needed. Some of the projects they are currently anticipating are: parking and road directional signage, seasonal decorations for the town common, website development, annual filing fee with the State of N.H., and bandstand upgrades. Gerry said they are hoping to pursue some private funding for these projects as well. Gerry said they are happy with where they are and the number of people involved, and they have a good cross-section of people involved. The Board did not have any questions. Gerry said that they meet the third Wednesday of each month. They have had some meetings with Coos County Economic Development in reference to a couple of buildings downtown. That is moving forward.

The Board reviewed information for the 2018 tax rate setting process.

A motion was made by Wendy Hersom to enter in to non-public session at 7:20 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) the hiring of any person as a public employee. The motion was seconded by John Tholl. Roll call to enter non-public session Corey-Yes; Tholl-Yes; Hersom-Yes.

The Board adjourned from non-public session at 8:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Peter Corey, seconded by John Tholl, to seal the minutes of the non-public session because it was determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this Board. Roll call to seal minutes: Tholl-Yes; Corey-Yes; Hersom-Yes.

The Board decided to move the meeting scheduled for Monday, November 20th to Tuesday, November 21st. The meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. with interviews for the Public Works Director position, and the public session will start at 6:30 p.m. with budget reviews.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.