

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 23, 2019

At the Selectmen's meeting held on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. the following people were in attendance: Stanley Holz, John Tholl, and Peter Corey.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to enter into non-public session at 6:02 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c), matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. The motion was seconded by Stanley Holz. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed.

Non-public session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

John Tholl, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board has a letter to send out to the three companies who submitted solar proposals requesting further information.

Rob Larson, Public Works Director, said he wanted to open the dialogue to discuss hiring two people for the wastewater treatment plant. He said it would be ideal to be able to find someone with a Class I or II license or hire someone with the concept of having them training for a Class 1 or 2 license and have them ready to go next June. We will need someone with at least a Class 1 license to do any testing or documentation. They are planning to break ground in late April or May on the project so the concept is we are going to have to work out of the lagoon system and into the new system. The testing is all the same. We will need to add it to our budget for next year and start advertising at the end of the year to hire someone for next year. We could wait until May and hire a licensed person. When we started this process, the conversations with the engineers were we were going to transition from a contract service to employees. Mr. Larson said that we will definitely need one full-time employee; and whether you need one or two part-time people will be dependent upon the septage receiving station. We will need manpower to monitor the septage receiving station. We will need personnel for that and also to serve as a back-up for the operator. Mr. Larson said he feels we will need to budget for two people.

Mr. Larson discussed with the Board problems we have been having with flushable wipes that are coming down the system and plugging the inlet grate and they get into the lagoon—they don't breakdown—they are floating in the system and killing the reaction from the oxygen. DES is working with us very closely and the fear is when cold weather comes the aeration affect won't be effective as it is now with the water temperature. We met with Steve Lafrance and Terry and Josh Welch last week and we decided to take the pipe and put an elbow in with a stand pipe so the inlet is going to be 8 foot off the ground so we can get clear water. Mr. Larson said he authorized a dive to go in for about \$12,000, and Bill Rines build a tool that will help get those towelettes off the grates. In the next water/sewer bill mailing, we are going to include a brochure from the state that discusses those flushable wipes, which are not flushable to try to cut down on this. Rob said he and representative from DES went around to all the manholes today

to inspect them. Rob said they met with the maintenance staff from Summit today as well to discuss the situation with them. We can't let this continue because it is going to damage the pumps, and we don't have grinder pumps. The Board suggested sending off a letter to the Summit advising them of the situation.

Rob also discussed the transfer station. He said we are losing money at the transfer station and part of it is because it is poorly arranged and there is not much he can do with it under the circumstances right now. Rob said he is waiting to see how the study UNH is doing comes out, which will be done by December 1st before he makes any changes. He feels there are other items we can recycle and make money from, but it will require additional staffing. Electronics is an item, but they have to be broken down. Rob said he has a whole list of stuff we could be separating, i.e., aluminum could be separated from the steel. Rob said that he needs a back-up for the transfer station as well. Rob said he would like to hire a full-time person. We have to have the person focused and trained for what they are separating. He said we only do 1's and 3's for plastics and we could be doing more. Our goal is to go to 0 waste.

The date for the water repair on Union Street is going to be Wednesday, October 2nd at 9:00 p.m. and hope to have it finished by 4:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 3rd. We have done a mailing, put notices out, and we will do a reverse 9-1-1 phone call as well.

The staging area for the Brown Street construction was discussed. Rob said he would check into it.

Rob said the cemetery trustees would like to add a parking area in the Pine Street Cemetery. The Board suggested the trustees put a proposal together for the Board to review. Mr. Larson said the tree on Pine Street was removed. It appears that the boundary line is not clear, and we may need to do a boundary line adjustment.

Rob said that the reason we did not finish paving in front of the fire station was because we have to tear up the other pavement that is there because the other pavement was at the maximum height to allow the doors to open over there. Rob said that opening on to 116 is far too wide, and the State DOT would like to see it reduced down to 50 feet. Peter said here is an opportunity to create a line that is a green space to separate the fire department from the town office, which we haven't quite solved yet.

The October Selectmen's meetings will be held on October 7th and October 21st.

A motion was made by Stanley Holz to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Corey. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to enter into non-public session at 7:35 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a), the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee for the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. The motion was seconded by Stanley Holz. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed.

Non-public session adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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