

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
Select Board
16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
January 6, 2014

Call to Order.

The Allenstown Select Board Meeting for January 6, 2014 was called to order by The Chair at 6:08p.m.

Roll Call.

Present on the Board: Jason Tardiff and Jeff Gryval.

Excused Absence: Sandra McKenney

Others Present:

Residents of Allenstown:

Others Present:

Other Public Officials: Larry Anderson, Sewer Commission; Carl Caporale, Sewer Commission; Dave Eaton, Budget Committee.

Allenstown Staff: Shaun Mulholland, Town Administrator; Paul Paquette, APD; Ron Pelissier, Road Agent; and Diane Demers, Finance Director.

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Anderson asked if they could take the money that they saved from paying off the Police Department bond towards a loader. The Chair stated that the payment is in the budget from the bond but that they had planned to use that to help fund the police officer position.

Meeting with Sherry Van regarding the CFS Petition Warrant

Mrs. Barmmarito stated that she was asked to come before the Select Board to see if they can request \$3,500 because of the services that they provide. Mr. Mulholland explained the process of the petition warrant to Mrs. Barmmarito. He explained that she needs to explain to the Select Board why they should give the funds for the services provided. He also stated that there are some parts of the petition article that make it illegal as it is written. There was discussion of the consequences of passing the article as it is written.

Mrs. Barmmarito discussed the type of services that they provide to the residents of Allenstown. She also distributed a handout that detailed further the programs provided. The Select Board explained to Mrs. Barmmarito what she will need to discuss at the Deliberative Session on February 1, 2014.

Mr. Mulholland asked Mrs. Barmmarito if she knew why they did not receive this as part of the normal budget process as other agencies do the same thing. Mrs. Barmmarito stated that they have not had as many residents in Allenstown needing their services in the past as they did this year which is why they did not get into the budget process on time.

Motion. Mr. Gryval made a motion to recommend the CFS Petition Warrant Article. Mr. Tardiff seconded the Motion. There was no additional discussion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Mr. Tardiff-No and Mr. Gryval – No. The Chair declared the Motion failed.

Motion. Mr. Gryval made a motion to recommend Article XI for the MS-4 Ordinance. Mr. Tardiff seconded the Motion. There was no additional discussion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Mr. Tardiff-Yes and Mr. Gryval – Yes. The Chair declared the Motion passed.

Review Proposal for Property Liability Insurance

Mr. Mulholland stated that they have proposals from NH PLT Insurance and Primex Insurance. Mr. Gryval stated that when he reviewed them, it didn't appear that they were similar but that Mr. Mulholland clarified the confusion for him. Mr. Mulholland stated that Primex has always been higher cost wise. He stated that Primex provides Worker's Compensation at a lower cost than PLT. There was further discussion of the concern that PLT is having financial problems.

Motion. Mr. Gryval made a motion to enter into contract with NH PLT in the amount of \$60,626. Mr. Tardiff seconded the Motion. There was no additional discussion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Mr. Tardiff-Yes and Mr. Gryval – Yes. The Chair declared the Motion passed.

Review and Approve Interim Personnel Policy Amendment

Mr. Mulholland suggested that they table this for a later meeting as there are more changes coming to the Personnel Policy.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Mulholland stated that the letter from the Board of Selectman for Town Report is due next Friday.

U.S. Position on Legislation

Mr. Mulholland stated that they should think about taking a position on the legislation at the Federal level to eliminate tax-exemption status on bonds and leases. He stated that it would cost municipalities \$172 billion across the country if it passed. He explained that if it passed, the interest rates on bonds and leases would rise significantly and cause taxes to rise. Mr. Gryval stated that he thinks it is something that they should take a position on and suggested that they ask Mr. Mulholland to draft a letter for them.

RDA Requirements for Mobile Home Communities

Mr. Mulholland stated that he sent a letter out today to the Mobile Home Properties regarding the RDA which is similar to the MS-4. He stated that the mobile home communities may be required to do something similar to the MS-3 requirements. There was further discussion of how things could affect the mobile home communities and the requirements under the RDA.

Ratify the Consent Calendar

Motion. Mr. Gryval made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar of January 6, 2014. Mr. Tardiff seconded the Motion. There was no additional discussion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Mr. Tardiff-Yes and Mr. Gryval – Yes. The Chair declared the Motion passed.

Review and Approve Minutes

Motion. Mr. Gryval made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 16, 2013. Mr. Tardiff seconded the Motion. There was no additional discussion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Mr. Tardiff-Yes and Mr. Gryval – Yes. The Chair declared the Motion passed.

Petition Warrant Article

Mr. Mulholland stated that he sent out an email for notification of one petition warrant article from Mr. Anderson. He explained that at this point, the petition warrant article does not have enough signatures but that if Mr. Anderson is able to obtain enough signatures, there will be a limited amount of time for both the Select Board and Budget Committee to vote on the article by the petition warrant article deadline.

Mr. Gryval asked Mr. Anderson if this was something they could work on together to get it done in the coming months or if they need to do it right now. Mr. Anderson stated that he is trying to get it through so they can get hold of the land in case they needed it. Mr. Gryval asked what they will be doing with the land. Mr. Anderson stated that the Sewer Commission plans on expanding but that they need more land to do so. He stated that this is something that the Sewer Commission has been working on for a while. There was further discussion of the need to purchase the land and where the money for the purchase would be coming from. There was also discussion of the wording and structure of the petition article.

Mr. Gryval stated that he would like to see them work together on this but maybe not in a warrant article. Mr. Caporale stated that he would like to have the Select Board work with the Sewer Commissions on how to best utilize the land if purchased.

Discussion of Meeting on January 14, 2014

Mr. Eaton asked if they are scheduling a meeting on January 14, 2014. Mr. Mulholland suggested that they do a joint meeting so that they can all vote on a petition warrant article if there is one.

Other Business

Mr. Gryval asked Mr. Pelissier how the Sterling was doing. Mr. Pelissier stated that it is back and is in the Highway Department Shop right now. Mr. Gryval asked if everything went okay during the last storm. Mr. Pelissier stated that there were some issues that they addressed including wheels falling off the Ford Truck.

Mr. Mulholland stated that they are going to need to vote to recommend or not recommend the budget by January 13, 2014. He suggested that they wait to vote until then in case the budget changes before then.

Motion. Mr. Gryval made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tardiff seconded the Motion. There was no additional discussion.

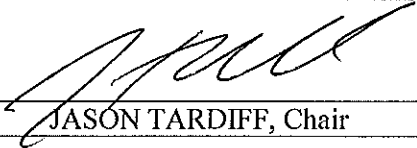


A Roll Call Vote was taken: Mr. Tardiff-Yes and Mr. Gryval – Yes. The Chair declared the Motion passed.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:58pm.

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Original Approval:	
 JASON TARDIFF, Chair	1-27-14 DATE
 JEFFREY GRYVAL, Member	1-27-14 DATE
 SANDRA MCKENNEY, Member	01-27-14 DATE

Amendment Approvals:		
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	JASON TARDIFF, Chair	DATE
	JEFFREY GRYVAL, Member	DATE
	SANDRA MCKENNEY, Member	DATE

