

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting**

Meeting held upstairs in Town Hall

Monday August 17, 2015

Attending: Town Manager Edward Samson
Selectmen Leon Rideout, Leo Enos and David Stickney

Others: Murray Vashaw, Alan Savage, Joe Bachofer, Don Williams, Edith Tucker and Stewart Weeks

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leon Rideout at 6:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointments:

Stewart Weeks, great grandson of John Wingate Weeks, spoke on the Monetary conference that is being held at the Mount Washington Hotel on Sept. 29th, 2015 regarding the global debt based on the present monetary system. He stressed that it would be beneficial for those attending the meeting come and listen to the speakers that are coming for the conference. He also stated that there would be a speaker at Weeks State Park on October 3rd.

Old Business:

To review and approve the minutes of the August 3, 2015 meeting.

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by Leon Rideout to accept the minutes as written. A vote was taken and the motion carried. (David Stickney did not vote as he was not at that meeting),

Department Head Updates: None

Signing of various paperwork:

Final drafts were presented on the McCarten Settlement Agreement. Mr. Samson stated that the McCarten's had signed the agreement and signatures were needed from the Board of Selectmen. All abatement's have been paid and they are current on all tax obligations. The McCarten's received about \$40,000.00 cash back.

MS-1 Extension Request: A request had already been made and this one is in case things aren't ready for October, this one goes to mid November. The request is with DRA approval.

The Selectmen signed the above paperwork.

There was an abatement request from Stan and Sally Knecht. Their water bill for the barn was not reduced for the year 2014. The amount of the abatement is \$655.20.

A motion was made by David Stickney and seconded by Leon Rideout to allow the abatement. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

New Business;

Mr. Samson stated that he had two Memorandums of Agreement regarding monies LED lighting and Public Safety (new towers) These monies will replace street lights where ever possible, this fund will pay 100% of the cost and all that goes with it, the burden of the project is on the contractor and not the town. The other money is to improve the tower on Morse Mt. In Northumberland which should have been done 2 years ago. There will be no expense to the town for 20 years. The tower would be a great help to all of the emergency services that are provided to our town as well as those around. It would eliminate land to land communications and it would be a tower to tower communication with the DOT. Leo Enos stated that we have to start moving forward for

public safety. Leon Rideout stated that the town isn't in a position to turn down free money. Alan Savage stated that the town's people were opposed to the Northern Pass and the Selectmen should remember that they represent the town in things that are done. Leon Rideout stated that the Selectboard has never taken a stand on the Northern Pass as well as other towns in the state.

A motion was made by David Stickney and seconded by Leo Enos to accept the agreements for the LED lighting and tower money and to authorize Town Manager Edward Samson or his disagreee to sign all of the necessary paperwork concerned with it. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Information:

It was asked about what was happening with the Dalton Mt. Motors building. Mr. Samson read a letter that he had from DES.

. He further stated that he had called the Attorney Generals Office and stated that e was told that they are moving forward with the issue.

A building permit has been issued to Alan Ball of 157 Elm St. for a building to be put on a slab

Mr. Samson stated that he had received oil bids and the opening date was set for August 24, 2015 and that is not a regular Selectmen's meeting so they will be opened on August 24, 2015 at 2:00 P.M., rather than wait until the next meeting due to the narrow window that the companies have to order the fuel. As of right now the price is \$2.19 and it could go lower. The bids for the sand will be opened at the next regular meeting. Alan Savage stated that the bids are not all done the same and they should be more specific when they sent them back. Mr. Samson stated that he would like all of those who bid to be present at the meeting so that the Board could ask questions regarding how the companies came to their decisions.

Noting that there was nothing further to come before the meeting a motion was called for to adjourn.

A motion was made by David Stickney and seconded by Leo Enos to adjourn. A vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully,


Sandra E. Doolan - Clerk

Approved:

Board of Selectmen
Leon Rideout – Chairman

David Stickney



Leo Enos

