

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting**

Meeting held upstairs in Town Hall

Monday – October 5, 2015

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

Others: Don Williams, Murray Vashaw, Reporter Edith Tucker, School Board Representatives Peter Riviere and Randy Boggess with Superintendent Dr. Marion Anastasia.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

At this time Peter Riviere of the WMRHS School Board spoke about the “Strategic Planning Process for 2015” that the School District is implementing. A fact sheet was passed out to all of those present for them to follow along with what he was explaining. This is similar to what was done 5 years ago and is now being updated. These plans are to go along with the new fiscal budget. They are looking for people to be on a committee to assess what is going on and what needs to be done to make things better for all. They are trying to get the schools to do more with the students. They are also looking to hook-up with the Littleton Schools as well.

It was asked how they were selecting the committee. It was stated that they have put out information for people to come forward and the School Board is also recruiting themselves individuals that they think might be good for the committee. They also stated that there is a Matrix on the school website as to what is needed if someone is interested in serving on the committee.

It was asked what their vision was. The answer was that they want to prepare the students for a productive life after school. No one knows what the student wants to do after school and they will try to prepare them for various opportunities.

It was stated that the CTE and Special Education has higher than average numbers and they need to know why. It was asked if this was a recent change or would it be forever. It was stated that ours is higher than most Districts and we need to know why. It makes it hard for clarification and teachers are teaching down in their field in some cases. They are trying to do integration in some cases it is hard.

Leon Rideout stated that he liked what he had heard from the School Board, and he has listened to a lot of legislation about cutting and various other things for education.

Mr. Samson stated that timing is critical and in some cases there needs to be cuts and that is not always easy. You have to factor in the town, school and county budgets also.

Mr. Boggess stated that they are focusing on “Excellence in Education”. Mr. Samson stated that everyone should work with the Boards so to have information forth coming. Mr. Riviere stated that they will approve the Committee on Tuesday October 12th so they need to have all of the names in by Friday October 9th.

Leo Enos asked on a note not related to the Statigic Plan that they look into lengthening the school day so as they could get out a little earlier in the summer. Some other schools are looking into or doing this already. He was told they would take it into consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

To review and approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 meeting.

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to approve the minutes as written. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Department Head Up-dates: None

Signing of Various Paperwork:

Christ United Methodist Church \$1032.67 1st issue of 2015 Property Tax

This is still part of the Church even though it is subdivided from Church property. Started renting property on Aug. 1, 2015. Pro rated and abated 4-6 months because exempt.

Board signed abatement.

NEW BUSINESS: None

INFORMATION:

Building Permits:

Wayne & Tricia Frenette 96 Page Hill Road

Erect a 5.1 KW solar PV system on pier for residential energy.

Brent Shallow 88 Water St.

Construct a 8 x 12 mudroom on pier to side of existing house

Don McGill 465 Elm St.

Erect a 24' dia. above ground pool with attached 20 x 24 deck on pier

Zoning Decision:

Add a sign/ Aubuchon Realty Co., Inc.

oversized sign in Commercial/Industrial District.

It was asked how the construction on Route 135 was coming along. Mr. Samson stated that it had just started.

Mr. Williams spoke of someone on an ATV with a dog being dragged along side and it has happened several times. Mr. Samson will have it looked into.

Mr. Samson stated that the paving at Col. Town would have a cost overrun as they had to shape some of the area for drainage. They are also doing the back parking lot and that could be an overrun also.

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 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully,

Sandra E. Doolan Clerk

Approved:

Board of Selectmen
Leon Rideout – Chairman

David Stickney

Leo Enos