

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting**

Meeting held upstairs in Town Hall

Monday – December 17, 2018

Attending: Town Manager Edward Samson.

 Selectmen Leo Enos and David Stickney. (Chairman Leon Rideout was absent).

Others: Don Williams, Alan Savage, Rob Christie and Janet Whitnower.

 The meeting was called to order by Selectman David Stickney at 6:30 P.M. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS:

 Janet Whitnower came to the Board regarding an issue with the assessment of her house and taxes. She stated that her latest tax bill showed an increase of 71%. She stated that she had met with Jason Call on the issue and feels that those who buy old houses are targets for the tax increases. She was told that the taxes are based on the quality of the home. She was also told that there is a 5 year pick up plan for assessed town taxes, meaning that different areas are looked at at different times. Mr. Samson stated that he and the Board will look into the matter and see how the assessment was figured. Rob Christie stated that New Hampshire does not have a sales or income tax and our revenue is raised through property taxes. David Stickney stated that people are not looking for larger houses at this time, they are more interested in smaller ones. Mr. Samson further stated that the State does oversee some of the properties in town. The Board stated that they would look into the matter and get back to her.

OLD BUSINESS:

 To review and approve the minutes of the December 3rd. 2018 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 Updates: None

 Signing of various paperwork:

 Abatement;

 PSNH on 425 Main St. - \$2,001.17 Assessment left off with other properties for utilities.

 William Rabida - \$1,074.00. This is 1st issue amount that was charged in the repurchase amount which was paid June 15, 2016.

 Michael & Susan Green 148 Stebbins Hill Road – Property tax credit

for Solar Exemption.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bids: There were two bids received.

Ford Expedition for \$506.00 from Linda Silva.

Street Sweeper for \$25.00 from Greg Woodward.

After some discussion:

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to award the bid for the Ford Expedition to Linda Silva in the amount of \$506.00. And to re advertise the Street Sweeper as \$1,500.00 as the minimum starting bid. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

There was a letter from North Country Council asking the support of the Board of Selectmen for a Solid Waste Technical Assistance and Training Grant. (this can also be used for the hazardous waste day that are done).

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to support the above request. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

INFORMATION:

A letter was received from NHDES regarding the Shoreland Impact Permit 2018-03297, Project location: US Rte 2 ROW, Connecticut River.

Building Permits:

Autie & Ben Enterprises 61 Summer St. Permit #18-036

Interior renovations to existing home to include new kitchen and bathroom and added insulation.

Garland Mill Timberframes 237 Garland Road Permit #18-035

Construct a 8' x 22' office addition on slab and 5' x 24' covered porch with crawl space.

McDonalds Corporation 258 Main St. Permit #18=034

Interior and exterior renovations of existing property with no change to original footprint of building or exterior features.

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

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to adjourn. A vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M,

Respectfully:

Sandra E. Doolan – Clerk

Approved:

**Board of Selectmen
Leon Rideout – Chairman**

David Stickney

Leo Enos