

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting**

Meeting held upstairs in Town Hall

Tuesday – February 19, 2019

Attending: Town Manger Edward Samson

Selectmen Leon Rideout, Leo Enos and David Stickney.

Others: Rob Christie, Tim Bilodeau, Members of White Mountains Regional School Board – Jessica Loiacono, Board Chairman and Lancaster Representatives Kristen Van Bergen and Herb Randall.

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

Public Hearing:

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:34 P.M., for the purpose of seeking and accepting bonds or notes over \$100,000.00 for the purpose of developing a Wastewater Master Plan & Asset Management Programs.

A motion was made by David Stickney and seconded by Leo Enos seek the necessary funding for said project. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Samson stated that Tim Bilodeau was present to answer any questions that may come up concerning the project.

Appointments:

The above mentioned members of the White Mountains Regional School Board were present to discuss the absence of a SRO (School Resource Officer) in the Lancaster Elementary School. There are SROs in the Whitefield Elementary and the High School. Chairman Leon Hideout stated that one of the main reasons was that the Lancaster Police Department at this time was not full staffed and there was no one available. School Board member Kristen Van Bergen stated that she thought that there was a misunderstanding as to what an SRO was. Mr. Samson stated that to have an officer on site you have to have someone with the right personality, at this time the local office is taking care of it as often as possible, you also have to make sure that you have the right person for the job. The Town and the police department will be working to get someone into that position as soon as the staffing of the department is up to where it needs to be. It was asked who funded the position and the answer was it was the school district. .Mr. Randall asked if the applicant for the officer position be asked if they would be interested in doing the SRO also. Mr. Samson stated that when they post the position they can include that the SRO is a part of the position, they want to make sure that the office and the children have a good relationship, there is a big need for trust for all involved. Ms. Loiacono stated that they really can't do it on "as need basis". The School

Board members asked that when there was a hiring if the could be included in the decision.

The Board thanked the members of the School Board for coming to them with their thoughts and concerns.

Old Business:

To review and approve the minutes of the February 22, 2019 meeting.

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

Department Head Updates: None

Signing of various paperwork:

Abatements:

Weeks Lancaster Trust – Change of Assessment \$593.88.

This was recommended by Assessor Jason Call

A motion was made by David Stickney and seconded by Leo Enos to accept the recommendation. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Larry Brown/Judith Garfinkel – Solar Energy Exemption.

This was recommended by Assessor Jason Call. It was noted that there was an exemption for polar panels on their barn also.

Thomas & April Bussiere 88 Elm St.

Water \$550.37 Sewer \$500.00 Due to over charge.

New Business:

Authorization for signature on application to USDA for a Community Facilities Grant.

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to authorize Town Manager Edward Samson to sign any and all applications to USDA for a Community Facilities Grant. A vote was taken and the motion carried. (The purpose of the grant is for the purchase of a new cruiser and other necessary equipment).

A Petition & Pole License was approved to FairPoint. This is for a replacement of a pole on Clark Street.

Information:

Letter from Horizon Engineering regarding Shoreland Protection Permit Application for the Lancaster Rotary Club Charities lot on Canal Street.

Building Permit:

Catherine Mros 17 Bunker Hill St.

Permit # 19-002

Pouring concrete slab floors and install insulation in interior of building.

Zoning Decision:

Margaret Hobbs 104 Middle St.

Case denial as the use was asked for in a "Non Permitted Uses/Restricted Uses in the Residential District".

Rob Chrisite asked if the public could buy some of the bonds that needed to be sold for the application for the bond of \$350,000.00 and the answer was no. This is mainly a paperwork issue to make sure that the project is done properly.

A motion was made by David Stickney and seconded by Leo Enos to close the Public Hearing. A vote was taken and the motion carried and the Public Hearing closed at 7:04 P.M.

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 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully,

Sandra E. Doolan – Clerk

Approved:

**Board of Selectmen
Leon Rideout – Chairman**

David Stickney

Leo Enos