

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting**

Meeting held upstairs in Town Hall

Monday – March 18, 2019

Attending: Town Manager Edward Samson

Selectmen Leon Rideout, Leo Enos and David Stickney.

Others: Rob Christie, Alan Savage, Don Williams and Darin Wiipperman.

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

Appointments: None

Old Business:

To review and approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting.

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to approve the minutes with the correction to Leon Rideouts name. A vote was taken and the motion carried with correction.

Department Head Updates: None

Signing of various paperwork:

Abatement's:

Weeks Land Trust \$40.68 Posting error of 2nd issue.

John Alden \$ 2.29 Posting error of 2nd issue.

Veterans Tax Credits:

Gregory Westcott and Lynette Westcott

They both qualified. (both due to expanded qualification)

The Board signed all of the above paperwork.

New Business:

There were several appointments to various Town boards.

Planning Board:

Requesting reappointment as Regular Members were Justin Carter and Penny Noyes. (It was noted that there are 2 openings for Alternate Members on the Board)

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to reappoint

Justin Carter and Penny Noyes as Regular members of the Planning Board. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Requesting reappointment as a Regular member was Chris McVetty and as Alternates were Nathan Kenison and Donald Freddette.

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to reappoint Chris McVetty as a Regular member and Nathan Kenison and Donald Freddette as Alternate members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Conservation Commission:

Members Alan Carr and Paul Crane did not seek reappointment. Letters of interest were received from Rob Christie and Allen Ryder to serve on the Board.

A motion was made by David Stickney and seconded by Leo Enos to appoint Rob Christie and Allen Ryder as Regular members of the Conservation Commission. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

It was stated that the Conservation committee has not had meetings and it needs to be brought up to code.

Bid openings:

Street Sweeper: There had been previous bids for the street sweeper that had been turned down and it has been re advertised. A new bid was received from Beattie Enterprise for \$2,500.00. This will include all of the parts and pieces that go with it.

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to award the bid to Beattie Enterprise for \$2,500.00 A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Discussion on the 2009 Ford Expedition. Mr. Samson stated that Linda Silver entered a bid of \$500.00 for the vehicle. He has not been able to get in contact with her regarding this but will keep trying. He stated that if he doesn't make contact with her by Tuesday March 19, 2019 the next bidder will be given the option to purchase the vehicle. The Board agreed to let Mr. Samson further handle the matter.

Information:

In the packet was a letter from North Country Council regarding the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan. This is something that is done every 5 years to update the transportation issues in the area.

Building Permit:

Jim & Jody Michaels – 76 Mechanic St.

Permit # 19-003

Construct roof over existing 12' x 24' deck.

Sign Permit:

Passumpsic Bank
Sanal Auto Parts

Number 19-004
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At this time it was noted that it was time for appoint a new Chairman for the Board of Selectmen.

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by Leon Rideout to appoint David Stickney as the Chairman for the Board of Selectmen for the 2019 – 2020 year. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Resident Darin Wipperman handed out a sheet to the Board of Selectmen showing the tax rate for the town from 1819 – 2019. He felt that the budget and taxes were much to high and that things needed to be looked at much closer. He was told that the biggest item in the budget is insurance and we do not have much control over that. He was also told that as some of the expenses were up so were many of the revenues. The 2018 and 2019 tax rate were the same. Mr. Samson stated that the Budget Committee and the Department Heads work very closely together to keep the budget as best they can without jeopardizing any of the services that are offered.

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

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to adjourn. A vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Respectfully,

Sandra E. Doolan – Clerk

Approved:

**Board of Selectmen
Leon Rideout – Chairman**

Leo Enos

David Stickney