

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting

Meeting held upstairs in Town Hall

Monday September 17, 2018

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

Attending: Town Manager Edward Samson

Selectmen Leon Rideout, Leo Enos and David Stickney.

Others: Don Williams, Alan Savage, Greg Cloutier, Rob Christie, Melissa Grella and Lucy Wyman.

APPOINTMENTS:

Greg Cloutier addressed the Board regarding his upcoming purchase of the Parker J. Noyes building on Main St. He stated that he was in the process of a Purchase and Sales Agreement with Dick MacKillop. He, Mr. Cloutier, and Northern Forest Center are going to restore the building. They are in hopes to have their closing by October 1st, not everything is finalized yet. He stated that it would cost about \$600,000.00 to restore everything. He is asking for \$50,000.00 from the Lancaster Loan Fund to do the roof on the building, he also stated that he is going for 2 more bids on the roof. It was asked what the name would be on the property, this was only in case something happened and the loan wasn't paid off. The Board was told that it might be in two names but they would consult with the attorney on that and let the Board know, right now it is in Mr. Cloutiers name.

Leo Enos stated that 1% for 7 years hadn't been done for that amount of money and would Mr. Cloutier consider 2% and Mr. Cloutier stated that he would. It was asked how did the 2% compare to the market and was told that by keeping the interest rate lower for this project it made the town look good.

David Stickney stated that all the paperwork needed to go to the Attorney and make sure everything was in order. Mr. Cloutier stated that he would be gone from September 26

thru October 5 but would keep in touch with Mr. Samson by e-mail for things that needed to be done.

Alan Savage asked if the building would be considered non-profit as some of the tenants were such. Mr. Cloutier stated that the building would remain a standard tax paying building, he is not asking for tax exemption on it.

OLD BUSINESS:

To review and approve the minutes of the September 4, 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:

Statistical Revaluation Contract Update – w/Norhtown Associates
(this is addition to the regular contract – conclusion of 5 years)

Signed by Board.

NEW BUSINESS;

McKee Inn appeal settlement agreement & refund request.

After a revaluation was done there was a difference of \$355,100.00.

Refund for 2016 – \$9,353.33

for 2017 - \$9,094.11 Totaling \$18,447.44

This was accepted by the McKee Inn and the appeal was withdrawn from BTLA.

INFORMATION;

A letter from the Attorney General regarding Lancaster NH/Guildhall Vt. Project.

Re: Declaration of Taking and Depositing of Damage.

Don Williams asked if the paving would be finished this week. Mr. Samson stated that he hoped that it would be.

Melissa Grella addressed the Board on some concerns. She stated that she knew of someone who would come and give a presentation on "Public Funding for Schools", so that the taxpayers would understand how their taxes are being spent for the schools.

She also stated that she felt that the Catholic School behind the church (Mount Royal Academy North) has been using the Col. Town Playgound. This is creating more wear and tear on the equipment, and wanted to know if there is a policy regarding such. She was told that the fields can be used by anyone, all they have to do is check with Col. Town and make sure that they are available.

She also felt that the Board, all the Boards, should have live streaming so that other people could go on and see what is going on. The cost to set it up would only be \$600.00 and the Technology teacher at WMRHS said he would set it up. Leon Rideout stated that any monies spent have to go before the Budget Committee, the Selectboard just can't grant everyone money for something, a budget is prepared each year and voted on at Town Meeting, there is no wiggle room. To have the request brought before Town Meeting there has to be a Petition signed by 25 people and they have to be residents of Lancaster.

She, Ms. Grella, also brought up about the planting of trees that doesn't seem to be happening. It was stated that some of the people did not want them, she stated that they were told that they would have them and nothing has happened. Mr. Samson stated that they have identified where trees can be planted and it will happen at some time, they are going to go to the business people on Main St. and see who does and who doesn't want a tree in front of their business. It was stated that no one was informed of the tree issue and Mr. Samson stated that in the August 30th paper it was discussed.

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 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Sandra E. Doolan -Clerk

Board of Selectmen

Leon Rideout – Chairman

Leo Enos

David Stickney