

MINUTES

**Selectmen's Meeting
Town Hall**

**November 19, 2018
6:30 PM**

ATTENDEES

David Stickney	Leo Enos	Leon Rideout	Ben Oleson
Alan Savage	Don Williams	Michael Nadeau	Randy Flynn
Sandra Posthumus	Zachary Colby	Caitlin Joubert	Ted Joubert
Justin Kenison	Tim Charbonneau	Dennis Patnoe	Clare Brooks

Lucy Wyman arrived after the meeting was called to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Leon Rideout.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

Acceptance of Unanticipated Monies over \$10,000 – Open Space Institute Grant

Chairman Rideout opened the Public Hearing.

Mr Oleson explained that the hearing is to accept an Open Space Institute Grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 to complete a comprehensive update to the Lancaster Town Forest Stewardship Plan. He said the purpose is to assess potential expansion for recreation and better access to the town forest. Mr Oleson said that Greg Ainsworth provided the last plan and will provide the new one.

Chairman Rideout opened the meeting up to questions and discussion. There being none L Enos made the following motion.

Moved by L Enos and seconded by D Stickney to accept the Open Space Institute Grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 for planning, outreach and research costs related to the assessment of Lancaster's existing Town Forest and possible expansion and to authorize Town Manager, Edward Samson, to sign any and all paperwork related.

Motion carried.

Chairman Rideout declared the public hearing closed

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and approval of November 5, 2018 Selectmen's meeting minutes.

Motion was made by D Stickney and seconded by L Enos to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting.

Motion carried.

2. Department Head Update – none
3. Sign various paperwork
 - 2nd Issue 2018 Property Tax Warrant. Signed by Selectmen
 - Abatements due to revaluation. 2018 Property Taxes. Signed by Selectmen
 - Roy & Mary Goulet, 298 Rogers Campground Rd - \$15.00
 - Colin Christie, 109 Gore Rd - \$28.00
 - Dale & Jessica A Moore, 249 Rogers Campground Rd - \$5.00

- Nancy Cloutier, 247 Rogers Campground Rd - \$253.00
- Roger Tremblay, Martin Meadow Pond Rd (R26-030) - \$1.00
- Northern New Eng Telephone, R27-009 pole - \$12.00
- Ann Burke, 13 First St - \$19.00
- Joseph & Wanda Avery, 37 Forbes St - \$14.00
- Timber Tax Warrant. Signed by Selectmen
 - Janet Savage, R15-37&38 – Tax due \$639.31
 - Deborah Tilton, R23-014A – Tax due \$236.46

NEW BUSINESS

Trash Hauling Bid Openings (2). Hauling the town’s trash to Mt Carberry in Berlin, NH.

Beattie Ent.

1st Contract Period – Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2019 - \$210.00 per trip

2nd Contract Period – Jan 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2020 - \$215.00 per trip

3rd Contract Period – Jan 1, 2020 – Dec 31, 2021 - \$200.00 per trip

No charge for container rental or delivery.

No charge for Saturday can change

Normandeau Trucking:

1/1/19 – 12/31/19 - \$320.00 per single load

1/1/20 – 12/31/20 - \$330.00 per single load

1/1/21 – 12/31/21 - \$340.00 per single load

Tipping Fees – town’s responsibility where applicable

Saturday swap rate - \$95.00 per container

Container Rentals – 1/1/19-12/31/21 - \$35/\$115 Weekly/Monthly

The selectmen reviewed the bids as did Dennis Patnoe.

There were no questions or concerns.

Moved by D Stickney and seconded by L Enos to accept the bid for trash hauling from Beattie Ent from 2019 – 2021.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

- NHDES – Notice of Violation – Lancaster Water Department

Mr Oleson explained that this type of violation happens when the testing samples are drawn after heavy rains. He said that Tim Bilodeau is preparing a public notice to be sent to all water users. Mr Oleson said that the town will have to certify within 10 days that the notice was sent. He said that this is nothing that will harm the water users.

- NHDES – Notice of Expedited Permit Application – 124 Martin Meadow Pond Road/Lindsay Cote.

Mr Oleson explained that the permit is so Mrs Cote can put a road to her home. He said the Conservation Committee Chair has already signed the application.

- Building Permit – D’Amico Associates/475 Prospect St.

Mr Oleson explained that Robert Cummings is constructing a 40’x40’ heated garage on a slab at his home property.

OTHER BUSINESS

Several parents of students at the Lancaster School were present to talk to the Selectmen about an SRO at the Lancaster School in light of the recent bomb threat.

Clare Brooks was spokesperson for the group and explained that at a recent PTO meeting the bomb threat was discussed and how it was handled. She noted that the Lancaster Police Dept had handled the situation well. She said that parents wanted to know what the time frame is for hiring an SRO for LES. Ms Brooks said that the principal has stated that the money has been budgeted for in her budget. She asked if there was anything the community could do to help.

It was stated that the Lancaster Police Dept has one officer graduating from the academy in December and another person has been hired but will have to attend training. The officer graduating in Dec will have to be acclimated to the street and if he is to be an SRO will then have to have extensive training.

Police Charbonneau said that it has taken a year to find 2 qualified people to hire and send to the academy. He said they are looking for a third person. He said that this is a common issue with all police departments. Chief Charbonneau said that he is planning on placing one of his part-time officers in the school for the holiday season although they will not technically be qualified. The holiday season is an especially difficult time for children and adults. He added that currently the police dept radios are on the same frequency as the schools and buses and each teacher has a radio. Chief Charbonneau said they are always monitoring what is going on at the school and respond immediately. He added that in an active bomb threat no cell phones or radios can be used.

D Williams asked if the SRO would be part time or full time and would they be able to carry a gun. The answer was that they would be full time and a certified officer.

It was questioned if the SRO could come from the Sheriffs Dept and not have to wait a year or more. It was explained that the principal from the Lancaster School has stated that the money has been budgeted for. Also it was asked if there are any other avenues to explore.

It was explained that there are staff shortages in all police departments and in the Sheriff’s Dept.

L Rideout said the issue is to get the right police officer. Besides the training needed the officer has to have the right personality for the job.

A suggestion was to have all staff in the schools trained. It was also noted that an SRO would not be able to enter the bathrooms or go behind closed doors.

The question was raised as to how the SRO position is funded – is it from a town request or school. It was explained that the SRO salary is billed to the school board while school is in session. When school is not in session then the salary is paid by the home police department.

Chief Charbonneau stated that the Lancaster School is getting the best protection possible without having someone in the school. He said he does a walk-through of the school whenever possible. He said he will try to go to the next PTO meeting as will Selectman David Stickney.

Lucy Wyman stated that she believes that there is a lack of information going out from the selectmen and town manager’s office. She suggested live streaming the meetings. Ms Wyman said there should be a transparency of information.

L Rideout noted that he has indicated at past meetings that it will have to be brought up through the budget process to purchase the necessary equipment.

Ms Wyman said it could be put on the town website or on YouTube.

Mr Rideout said anyone could come into the meetings and video them and put it on YouTube while waiting for the budget process.

Moved by L Enos and seconded by D Stickney to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried – meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Oleson

Signed/Date: _____

Leon Rideout

David Stickney

Leo Enos

Board of Selectmen