

MINUTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN HALL**

**February 3, 2020
6:30 PM**

ATTENDEES:

David Stickney, Selectman	Leon Rideout, Selectman	Leo Enos, Selectman
Edward Samson, Town Manager	Alan Savage	Don Williams
Rob Christie	Tim Brown	Charity Baker

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman David Stickney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review and approval of the January 21, 2020 Selectmen's meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by Leon Rideout to approve the January 21, 2020 meetings minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Department Head Update – Ed introduced Tim Brown and mentioned he was at the meeting to discuss the quotes for a new loader. Tim mentioned they went down to take a look at the Case and the other makes. He feels the Case is the better option. It seems to be better built and looks like it will be an all-around better machine. Ed reviewed the quotes in more detail. He said all the quotes are about \$5,000 apart. Tim did spec them all with an extended warranty. Ed and Tim reviewed the service plans for each of the options. There was discussion regarding whether or not they have the right to choose a higher quote. Leon mentioned it was put out as a request for proposals it is not considered a bid. Alan Savage expressed concern that the board is not selecting the lowest bid and it is not legal. There was much discussion to assure him they have looked at all the details and feel the higher quote is because there is a much better service plan being offered with the Case which is the best option for the town.
- Ed mentioned at last meeting they discussed spending \$11,000 for engineering designs for the Parker J. Noyes building project which will include the roadway from Main Street to Summer on Bunker Hill Street, water and sewer infrastructure replacement during the road reconstruction, the separation of storm water from the sewer system both for the building runoff and the municipal parking lot, redesigning the municipal parking lot and also parking along the street with a new location for a sidewalk further into Drew Park. The research and design will require more as the drainage issue for the municipal parking lot is much more extensive. Ed would like to include a warrant article for town meeting to read up to \$20,000 for cost of designs in the remodeling described which will now include reconfiguring all the drainage to the river. Alan Savage mentioned years ago when they

wanted to place the information center in Drew Park, they were not able to because they were not allowed to put in a permanent structure. It is not sure they would consider a sidewalk as a permanent structure. Ed said, he has not been able to find anything in history regarding that stipulation for Drew Park. There was other concern about moving a sidewalk for a private entity/venture. It was suggested they proceed with caution in that regard.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Riverside Boarding and Grooming submitted their annual stray dog contract for approval to move forward for another year.

Motion made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Leo Enos to approve Ed signing the contract. All in favor. Motion carried.

- The Parker J. Noyes building is going to be completely rebuilt during the renovation project and they would like the State Fire Marshall’s office to oversee the construction, however, the Fire Marshall’s office cannot oversee the construction unless they have been requested to by the Town and where Lancaster does not have a building code officer the Selectmen need to make the request.

Motion made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Leo Enos to involve the State Fire Marshall in the Parker J. Noyes building renovation project. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Don Williams mentioned he spoke to Linda Hutchins and she mentioned that Leonell “Buddy” Riendeau has moved out of town and no longer can serve on the Cemetery committee. He is interested in being appointed to the committee. Ed suggested he talk with Linda, committee member, and let her know he is interested and the committee can make their recommendation to the Board of Selectmen and then they can make the appoint at their next meeting.
- Rob Christie mentioned that Bob Elwell has mentioned he is going to resign, as the representative of the Connecticut River Joint Commission. The commission allows for two representatives and Rob would like to be appointed. Ed stated, the Board will put it out to see if others may be interested in filling the second position. He doesn’t foresee anyone else stepping up. Rob explained briefly what the commission is responsible for.

Motion made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Leo Enos to appoint Rob Christie to the vacant seat of the Connecticut River Joint Commission.

INFORMATION:

- Building permit – Redmond Thayer, 30 Burnside Street – Install a roof-mounted, 9.6kW PV solar array on garage for personal use.

Motion made by Leo Enos and seconded by Leon Rideout to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charity M. Baker

Board of Selectmen

Date: _____

David Stickney

Leo Enos

Leon Rideout