

Minutes of Select Board Meeting
December 18, 2018

Members Present: David Leavitt, Philip Hilton, Keith Swett, Tom Saviello and Rhonda Irish
(Town Manager) absent: Tiffany Maiuri

Also Present: Dee Menear, Sonny Dunham, Tom Doak, J P Fortier, Frank Donald

*In Tiffany Maiuri's absence Vice Chair Keith Swett served as Chairperson

Item #1 Minutes of the Select Board Meeting November 27, 2018
Tom/David m/m/s to accept as written; 4-0

Item #2 Public Comment – None Received

Item #3 Recreation Department Quarterly Report – Frank Donald

*The new skating rink/Office building is open they have been in it for about three weeks

*This is the earliest that the rink has ever been open; it was officially opened on Dec 9. It will be opening at noon during school vacation, but opens at 3 pm on school days. It takes 14,000 gallons of water to fill the skating rink; if the surface were flatter it would take less water.

*Rhonda explained that at this point we have made three payments to the contractor; the amounts paid so far for the contractor, sewer lines and sand total \$122,236.10. Another \$2,000 is owed to the contractor upon completion of the project. The docks and playground equipment have totaled \$103,716.63 for a total of \$225,952.73. We will need to hold a Special Town Meeting to repay the Town from the Recreation Department Trust.

Tom/David m/m/s to accept the Recreation Department Quarterly Report; vote: unan

Item #4 Fire Department Quarterly Report – Chief Sonny Dunham

*Calls are up 25% from last year and 60% from last quarter. The calls are of all types, there is no one specific area that is to blame.

*There is an air problem with Engine 1, it is all set if the air is plugged in, but it drains very quickly when it is unplugged. The Highway Department mechanic will work on the problem as time allows.

*The squad body is supposed to be completed on December 17 and shipped to HEWS on December 18. The Chief will inspect the work once it is done, will sign off on the work and drive the truck back to Wilton.

*The Scott Air Pack representative will be here for a meeting in either January or February for a pre-meeting workshop.

Questions/Comments from the Board Included:

Tom: The training at the High School is this something that you do every year? It is with all of Franklin County and now the Police Departments are also joining in. It has become a model for other counties.

Keith: You had more than twelve calls in one day on three occasions and this makes for very long days. Sonny explained that they now can just block off the road rather than stay at the scene and wait for Central Maine Power to show up.

Why is a piece of equipment put out of service when it is used for something other than a fire call? If the truck is not ready to leave immediately for a fire call it is considered "Out of Service" until which time it is fully prepared for fire service. An example was that if the tanker is being

used to wet the sidewalks for the Highway Dept. it would be considered out of service until it was refilled with gas and water.

Why does the ladder truck go to a CO2 call? Any structure related call the ladder will go because it has all of the testing equipment, exhaust fans and wall vents. All the local fire departments follow this protocol.

Tom/Philip m/m/s to accept the Fire Department Quarterly Report; vote: unan

Item #5 Mt Blue Community Access TV Budget and Approval of Funding – J P Fortier

*They have merged with the Jay/Livermore Falls channel so this means that their signal will be broadcast there as well.

*They are now capable of doing multi camera angles

*They are trying to get memberships much like PBS would do. They now have the capacity to broadcast on the website so they are available to more viewers.

*They have given the employees a 3% raise

*Expenses include: new cameras, employee raises and the fact that freelancing fees have been included in the budget rather than just being estimated.

Questions/Comments from the Board Included:

Keith: Shouldn't the salary for the new person be considered an expense rather than an income? She gets a percentage of all of the money that she brings in. Previously she had worked as a volunteer, but she will now be paid at 5% of the total budget for the next ten years. The freelance fees pay the camera people? Yes, that is pretty much what it pays.

David: The measure for effectiveness is based on the potential that this person will bring in, are we spending as fast as we get it? J P explained that the memberships would pay for the freelance work that has never actually been budgeted before, it was just printed on paper.

Philip: DVD sales are no longer part of your budget, has anything replaced that? Things are pretty much downloadable

Tom/Philip m/m/s to grant whatever we receive in franchise fees and PEG fees to Beeline Cable; vote: unan

The drone request for Beeline would be to show the beauty of Wilton, including the downtowns (Wilton, East Wilton, East Dixfield), the lake and parks.

Item #6 Bid Openings – Foreclosed Properties

Map 25 Lot 53 located on the Weld Rd: The minimum bid was \$1,731. One bid for \$2,800 from Michael Spardello

Map 29 Lot 84 located on Sunset Ave: The minimum bid was \$2,933. Two bids were received: Michael Spardello: \$3,300.00 Rusty Brann: \$5,001.00

Map 10 Lot 20-K located on Olivewood Circle: The minimum bid was \$2,000. One bid was received from Michael Spardello for \$2800.00

All of the bids were above the minimum required and the winning bidders will be issued Quit Claim Deeds

David/Tom m/m/s to accept the bid of \$2,800.00 from Michael Spardello for Map 25 Lot 53 located on the Weld Rd; vote: unan

David/Tom m/m/s to accept the bid of \$5,001 from Rusty Brann for Map 29 Lot 84 located on Sunset Ave; vote: unan

David/Tom m/m/s to accept the bid of \$2,900.00 from Michael Spardello for Map 10 Lot 20-K located on Olivewood Circle; vote: unan

Item #7 Central Maine Power – LED Light Conversion Agreement

*We would be bound to a fifteen-year agreement with CMP for the LED lights

*This only includes lights that are currently in place. Rhonda would like to add lights at the Gilberts St entrance to Bass Park, the intersection of Route 4 and Route 156 and a light at the intersection of Route 4 and Route 156 on the Gould's Service Station side.

Questions/Comments from the Board Included:

David: What is the timeframe? We are number three on the list of Municipalities

Tom: \$893 Is the price per month? This is lower than we budgeted, it is close to \$10,000 less

If we want to cut more lights will it cost us more? Adding lights would be separate

Keith: Are we sure that every replacement light would be equal to the current lights? They tend to be a little brighter, but Rhonda will reiterate that she wants at least the same brightness.

Philip: Would like to know the lumens difference between the two lights.

An offer was previously made for people to purchase their own lights, is this included in the new lights? No, this is only for the Town of Wilton.

Tom/David m/m/s to table the discussion until more information about lumens can be researched; vote: unan

Item #8 USDA Rural Community Development Initiative Grant

Smart Growth America has applied for some grants on Wilton's behalf and one of them is a workshop for our businesses. There is no cost to the Town, unless we want to provide food. There is a potential to send two Wilton business owners to Washington DC to continue their learning with the workshops.

Tom/Philip m/m/s to accept the proposal from Smart Growth; vote: unan

Item #9 Manager's Report

- A. Forster Mill Update: We will know on December 20, 2018 if there is money available, Rhonda will set up an in-person workshop to start the plans to move forward
- B. 2019 Meeting Schedule: These are suggested dates and are subject to change
- C. 2019 Department Reports: Would like the Department Heads to give reports three times a year; it was suggested that the fourth report be done at budget time
- D. Water/Wastewater Budgets: They are almost complete. The Water/Wastewater budget runs from January 1 to December 31. The Select Board is the trustees for both entities.

Item #10 Other Business

CMP was not on the agenda but they contacted Rhonda to see if we would like to have them come to a meeting to update before we vote on our support?

Questions/Comments from the Board Included:

Tom: You can send out the link to the debate that Tom had with them, everything is already on the table

Keith: If they were a local resident, they would be welcome, but they may not be needed.

Item #11 Update of Unfinished Items from Previous Meetings

Keith: There was supposed to be an internet map and that hasn't been e-mailed yet? Tiffany is working on it

Tom: Tiffany is not at the Select Board meeting because she is at the meeting regarding the Franklin County Jail.

Item #11 Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(C) Economic Development

Tom/David m/m/s to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(C) Economic Development; vote: unan entered at 7:15 pm out at 7:35 pm