

Selectboard Minutes February 8, 2021

Meeting held virtually through a video conference *

Selectboard Present: Greg Meulemans (chair), Paul Fraser, Tom Tolbert, Jessica Pollack and Andy Coyne

Public Present: Galen Robinson (BCTV), Joel Bluming

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call for any late additions to the agenda

- A. Bob Stomski mentioned there is a social security scam that traces the phone number back to the listers office. It is a scam.
- B. Sheriff's department
- C. Site visit tomorrow at the transfer station

2. Approve the minutes from the January 25th Selectboard meeting

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Andy. Under number 7, Londonderry was included in the meeting with Windham. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Paul. All in favor.

3. Update regarding Board of Listers

Lou submitted his resignation when he moved out of town. There are options on what to do. We do need to establish a quorum for the listers before grievance and lodging the grand list which needs to be done in April/May. Once we get to town meeting, we can elect new listers or remove the position of lister as an elected position from our town charter. Greg has spoken to Micah, Barbara and Valerie who are current and previous listers and they said they would all help where they could.

It would simplify the charter by taking the lister position off the elected positions. This would open it up so that the board could appoint someone or hire a professional accessor. A decision will be made at the next meeting as to how to proceed until Town Meeting.

4. Set hearing date for Town Charter change

This is a multi-step process. The Town Charter can only be changed at a legally warned Town Meeting. Our regular Town Meeting has been scheduled for May 1, 2021. There needs to be an informational hearing before the Town Meeting. The hearing needs to be warned separately. Greg would like to have the hearing before a Selectboard meeting.

Tom made a motion to have the hearing for the charter change on March 22 at 6:00 p.m. before the regular Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Jessica, all in favor. The warning will be on the February 22 agenda.

5. Review time sheets for town office, listers, highway and transfer station

6. Review pay orders

7. Combined Sheriff's department contract

Greg has spoken with the chair of the Londonderry Selectboard about a possible combined effort for our Sheriff's department contract. With a higher amount of hours contracted, the rate would go down and there is talk about having a deputy for just these two towns.

8. Meeting at Transfer Station with Windham Solid Waste

There is a meeting tomorrow at the transfer station with Windham Solid Waste to share thoughts and ideas. If you have any ideas about the transfer station, contact Greg Meulemans. There is also grant money available from the state to help with containers and such at the transfer station.

9. Other public concerns

Tom said that his sidewalk has been cleared the last couple of storms. Thank you to Keith and the Road Crew for all their work.

Andy has received two complaints about the sign near Hazel's house. Is this a sign ordinance issue? Greg will talk to John to see if it violates the sign ordinance.

Do the speed signs collect data? Tom will check with Terri to see. It would be great to be able to view the data from the signs. The state requires a speed study before it will allow the speed signs on Route 30. The board will reach out to Windham Regional to

see if the speed studies they have done involve Route 30. This will be a future agenda item.

The Selectboard does not have the capacity to access the fines for the sign ordinance but John does as the Sign Administrator. More information is needed to know what can be done for certain.

Joel said the sidewalk on the bridge was not taken care of, it was covered in ice and hard to walk in. They did plow over the sidewalk once but did not come back. He was specifically talking about the bridge near the post office.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall