

## **MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

Chairman Walter called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM at the Town Offices with Mr. Kiley also present. Mr. Hevy joined the meeting at 4:05.

Highway Superintendent Jason Benoit joined the meeting to review his employment contract. (Attachment #1) After some discussion it was agreed that the initial contract term will be from February 17, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Language will be added to reflect the six-month probationary period. Leslie will make the changes and Mr. Benoit will review tomorrow. Mr. Hevy moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the contract as revised. So voted.

Mr. Benoit noted that the men are doing a preliminary sweeping of the town starting from the center. The men have agreed to use the current sweeper based upon the expectation of obtaining a new one. In his opinion, the old sweeper is not safe and needs to be replaced. It would cost approximately \$40,000 per year to hire someone to sweep the roads. Mr. Benoit noted that he has found two used 2012 street sweepers at a considerable savings over the cost of a new one. He has also spoken with C. N. Wood about leasing-to-own a new sweeper, at a cost of approximately \$46,000 per year for 5 years. Everyone agreed that this would probably be the best choice, provided Chapter 90 money can be used. Mr. Hevy moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to allow the superintendent to purchase and finance a new sweeper. So voted.

Mr. Benoit noted that there is currently \$363,000 in Chapter 90 funds, with another \$313,000 expected in May. The Selectmen agreed that they want to maximize the amount of money available for road repairs.

Mr. Benoit left the meeting at 4:45 PM. Treasurer Anne Jannette joined the meeting to review the recommendations of the Insurance Advisory Committee. (Attachment #2) Mrs. Jannette explained that the 9.7% increase will be difficult for the town as well as the employees, and the IAC struggled with the decision. After some discussion, Mr. Hevy moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to accept the recommendations of the IAC regarding FY18 health insurance premiums. So voted. It was agreed to put this information on next week's televised selectmen's meeting. Mrs. Jannette left the meeting at 5:10 PM.

Mr. Hevy said that he would like to approach Healthwise regarding a Host Agreement. Mrs. Walter noted that it was brought up by the Planning Board and Healthwise personnel did not seem to want to discuss it. Mr. Kiley said that it should be brought up as potentially increased infrastructure needs such as an additional police officer or fire department training. Mr. Hevy said that he would like to ask the various departments for their input before approaching Healthwise. Mr. Kiley suggested approaching the Safety Committee for their input and an impact analysis.

There being no further business, at 6:15 PM Mr. Hevy moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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