

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Chairman Kiley called the meeting to order in the Selectmen's office at 6 PM with Mr. Tripp also present. Mr. Petraitis was not present.

The Selectmen reviewed the articles for Friday's Special Town Meeting, and determined that they would put \$100,000 into the Stabilization Account and \$150,000 into the Capital Stabilization Account. In addition, \$10,000 will be transferred into the Reserve Fund instead of the \$5,000 that was originally planned.

Charlotte Connor of 62 Grove Street was present to complain that shrubs on her property were severely trimmed back and look terrible. This was done by the contractor working on the North Common Street project.

Mr. Tripp stated that the shrubs were on town property, the contractor had said at the beginning of the project that he would be as careful as possible and not take down the shrubs if it wasn't necessary.

Ms. Connor stated that she knows they were on town property, but she is more worried about the fact that her son has spent 10 years raising the level of the back yard so it does not flood during heavy rains, but now the sidewalk is higher than her back yard.

Mr. Tripp explained that some of the gravel that is on the sidewalk will be removed in the spring in order to pave the sidewalk.

It was agreed to ask Chris Dunphy of PVPC about the bushes.

At 6:30 PM Fire Chief Joe Holway, Deputy Chief Darrin Anderson and Firefighter Eric Hevy joined the meeting to discuss raising the pay rates of firefighters effective December 1st. Chief Holway proposed raising the starting rate from \$11 per hour to \$13 per hour for the first five years of service, and for the next five years the rate would go up to \$14.50 per hour.

Chief Holway noted that the salary lines for weekend salary and training salary will not be exceeded because of the new rates. The only area where there might be a problem is the regular fire salary if there is a bad brush fire season or if there is a very large fire. Chief Holway just wants the Selectmen to be aware of this possibility. If the money is not needed it will be returned to the Town. Last year the department returned almost \$2,000 in unused salary back to the Town.

Chief Holway will provide the Board a copy of his proposal, and they will discuss it next week when Mr. Petraitis is present.

There being no further business, at 7:25 PM Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
Administrative Assistant