

**Town of Londonderry**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Minutes**  
**Budget Presentations and Regular Select Board Meeting**  
*Approved January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

**1. Call meeting to order**

**Board Members in attendance: Steve Prouty, Bill Wylie, Paul Gordon, Will Reed and Wayne Blanchard.**

**Steve called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. with budget presentations.**

**BUDGET PRESENTATIONS**

- **Transfer Station** – Esther Fishman (\$239,609.97)
- **Recycling** – Esther Fishman (\$107,985.93)
- **Hazardous Waste** – Esther Fishman (\$32,619.50)
- **Planning Commission** – Sharon Crossman (\$11,200.00)
- **DRB/Zoning** – Sharon Crossman (\$17,775.68)
- **Administration** – Kelly Pajala, Tina Labeau, Stephanie Thompson (\$302,641.98)
- **Public Works Director** – Duane Hart – (\$63,246.25)
- **Emergency Management Director** – Stephanie Thompson (\$200)
- **Presented a few figure changes to Lister and Reappraisal** – New budgets are Lister (\$37,203) and Reappraisal (\$87,082.50)

**A brief recess was taken and the meeting resumed at 7:07 p.m.**

**2. Additions or deletions to the agenda**

**3. Minutes**

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Paul made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Will seconded. Motion passed with all in favor (5-0).**

**4. Select board pay orders**

Passed around for review and signing.

**5. Announcements/correspondence**

- Kelly advised that the Town Office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's (12/26 - 12/30). There will be people in and out, but due to school closures. Individual can make contact to make an appointment.
- Kelly also noted that there will be an abatement hearing ahead of second meeting in January, starting about a half-hour before the regular meeting.
- Steve shared the Town's condolences to Jim Ameden and his family for the loss of his father this past week.
- Paul thanked the Mountain Marketplace and Rotary Club and Neighborhood Connections for holding the Christmas tree lighting and Santa event last week on December 9th at the Plaza.
- Thank you to the Planning Commission, employees, town officials, and board members for their attendance at the Pot Luck. It was a great success.

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**6. Visitors and concerned citizens**

- Dick Dale shared that the owners of the property across from Thompsonburg Road on Route 11 have submitted documentation for 2 phases of a solar array. WRC and PC have concerns about the project such as size and that they feel they aren't being as upfront as they should be on the impact of the project. PC is working on a letter to express their concerns about the project. He expects a draft to be ready for the next Select Board meeting.

**7. Local Control Commission**

None.

**8. Town official's business**

**a. Policing Committee**

- o Maryann Morris and others with the Policing Committee attended the meeting to speak with the Board.
- o Committee has continued to meet since Town meeting. Weekly progress has been reviewed. Based on before/after surveys, people felt safer, parks felt safer.
- o The committee recommends that the Town maintain the law enforcement at the same amount and hours as previous, and are asking the Town to put it on the warning for Town Meeting again next year for the Tax payers to approval the expenditure.
- o Bill shared that he is not in support of this, and the expense for services they should provide. There are a lot needed projects and expenses that he thinks would be a better use for this funding. Maryann explained this is additional, dedicated time, for Londonderry. Michael Arace explained we pay a set rate and how the VSP divides that up to pay their employees, that is not our responsibility.
- o Will mentioned the need for more education early on and the idea of DARE or something similar. Maryann said The Collaborative has done this with Flood Brook in the past. They do daily work with middle school students and have worked to get a health educator in the school for the past year and a half. This should start to show a shift in our statistics.

**Paul moved to accept the committee recommendation and place an article on the March Town meeting warning to support 25 hours for \$86,000 for policing services through the Vermont State police. Seconded by Wayne. Motion passed with all in favor (5-0).**

**b. Eckman Bill**

- o Stephanie reported that there was finally a response with updates on surveys. Stephanie responded to Eckman to proceed with finalizing what is remaining for 2331 N. Main Street, and to provide an anticipated completion date. The importance of promptness was indicated to them as it is holding up the close out of FEMA grants. In regards to payment the Board was asked how they would like to proceed – pay, wait for deliverables, and close out FEMA, or not to pay and closeout FEMA without it.

**Will made a motion to pay the bill in good faith. Wayne seconded. Motion passed with all in favor (5-0).**

**c. Dog Issue**

- Kelly reported that the owner came in to register the dog and the issue has been resolved.

## **9. Transfer Station**

## **10. Roads and bridges**

- a. Overweight Permits
  - Wilbur Frederick – 2016
  - Merrill Excavating – 2016 and 2017
  - Hill Construction Group – 2016

**Wayne made a motion to approve the permits. Bill seconded. Motion passed with all in favor (5-0).**

- Jennifer Rose contacted Steve about driving a West River school bus through the area. She lives on Cobble Ridge and would like to be able to bring her bus home with her, but the current weight limit is 16,000 and the bus weighs 29,000 lbs and there would not be any children on the bus. Duane said that bridge meets state standard and it is a 40,000 lb bridge not a 16,000 lb bridge. The State must remove the sign, the Town cannot. He suggested Steve contact Mark Pickering at VTrans about the process.

**Will made a motion to approve the overweight permit for West River by Jennifer Rose. Bill seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.**

- b. Updates
  - JP's price is \$15.82/yard for sand. Pricing from Jason Hill – Hill Construction would be \$15/yard delivered. He will check out the sand.
  - International is having a computer issue. Check Engine light is on. Donny called and they were aware of the problem. It is running at 60% power and the computer upgrade will get it to full power, it just needs to get to Reed's for work. Duane will find out how long the repair will take. It is all under warranty.
  - Discussion on the apron work on the roads and if we do them on abutting roads and private drives. Town policy says we will maintain our right of way and make the approach as smooth as possible. Tuttle Hill is the road in question, where it comes into contact with the Town Road. Will said while it may have been put in before the time of our access permits, we do have policies now that we should share with them and adhere to. Wayne said for the three of them (including Steve and Duane) meet and review. It was discussed we should consider reworking the policy.

## **11. Old business**

- a. Salt/Sand Shed
  - Paul and Bill met and reviewed some pricing options.
  - Overall project cost \$150,000-\$180,000.
  - Project Review Sheet from Enman back from State and we will need to connect with the DRB on where we are and what the next steps are.
  - Paul wants concrete figures on different wall heights for the fabric covered building style which could save some money. There would be a \$13,000-\$15,000 cost for fabric replacement after about 15 years, with installation and delivery.

## **12. New Business**

- a. January meeting dates
  - January meeting dates both fall on Holidays. January 2<sup>nd</sup> (New Year's Holiday) and January 16<sup>th</sup> (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).

January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was move to January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was moved to January 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **13. Adjourn**

**Will made a motion to adjourn. Wayne seconded. Motion passed with all in favor (5-0). Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.**