

Town of Londonderry
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2018

Present: Jim Ameden, Bob Forbes, Tom Cavanagh, Taylor Prouty, George Mora. Other town officials: Tina Labeau, Kelly Pajala, Irwin Kuperberg, Kevin Beattie, Bruce Frauman, Sharon Crossman, Bonnie Cobb, Mathew Rawson, Larry Gubb. Members of the public: Robert Nied, Tom Platt, Emmett Dunbar, Kelly Capen, Maya Drummond, Marie Porreca.

Meeting called to order- 7:00 PM

Additions to the agenda- A motion was made and seconded to delete a discussion of the Town Office Planning Project and implementation of the Middletown Road safety project. Unanimously passed. A motion made and seconded to add an executive session at the end of the regular meeting to discuss employee hiring. Unanimously passed.

Approval of minutes- Motion by George and seconded by Tom to approve the 11/26 minutes. Motion by George, seconded by Taylor to approve the 12/3 minutes. Motion by George, seconded by Tom to approve the 12/7 minutes. All were unanimously approved.

Pay orders were circulated and signed

Announcements- The town office will close at 12:00 noon on New Years Eve and will be closed New Years Day and President's Day.

Transfer Station stickers are available at the five town offices.

Windham County didn't meet dollar thresholds for a disaster declaration for the end of November power outage storm.

School District Special Election on 1/22 to vote to allow town clerks to count votes in each town.

Visitors and concerned citizens- Several citizens were in attendance to discuss Lowell Lake State Park but the discussion was deferred to Old Business.

Town Officials Business-

Treasurer- The budget and Town Meeting Warning will both be voted on at the Jan. 21 meeting.

Appropriations- The following requests were reviewed to go on the town meeting Warning for funding by Town Meeting vote:

Greenup Day	100.00
Vt Rural Fire Protection	100.00
The Current	125.00

Windham County Historical Society	250.00
Windham County Youth Svcs	315.00
Southeastern Watershed Alliance	410.00
RSVP	415.00
American Red Cross	500.00
Windham County Humane Society	500.00
Rekoverie Alliance, Inc.	500.00
Vermont Family Network	500.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	750.00
Women's Freedom Center	800.00
Senior Solutions	850.00
Friends of the West River Trail	1000.00
Londonderry Conservation Fund	1000.00
Londonderry Town Parade	1000.00
The Collaborative	1000.00
Mental Health Services	1513.00
SEVCA	1700.00
GNAT TV	2000.00
Flood Brook Athletic Assoc.	2500.00
Valley Cares	2742.00
West River Montessori School	3000.00
Mountain Valley Medical Clinic	5000.00
SeVEDS	5307.00
Neighborhood Connections	5500.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance	7000.00
South Londonderry Library Assoc.	10,000.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad	10,000.00
Champion Fire Co. #5	20,000.00

Motion by George, seconded by Bob to approve the list of applications to be put on the Town Meeting Warning, except for the Rekoverie Alliance, Inc. and the Vermont Family Network. Unanimously passed.

Irwin Kuperberg with the Conservation Commission requested authorization from the board to use \$5000 from the Conservation Fund to make a donation to The Nature Conservancy towards the purchase of the McGraw property on Glebe Mountain. Discussion was that the donation would be consistent with the purposes of the fund. Motion by George, seconded by Taylor to authorize use of the fund in the amount of \$5000 for the requested purpose. Unanimously passed.

Transfer Station-

Two applications for volunteers at the Transfer Station were reviewed. Tom advised the board that additional volunteers are not needed at this time. Motion by Tom, seconded by Taylor to not accept them as volunteers at this time. Passed unanimously.

Tom reminded everyone that a current sticker is required for use of the Transfer Station.

Roads and bridges-

Sand, salt, and fuel figures: 177.3 tons of salt, 450 yards of sand, 1360 gallons fuel used in the trucks and equipment and 95 gallons in the buildings.

Mathew advised that the road crew will start cleanup of November storm damage in between new storms.

Firefighters who work for the town- There are currently two volunteer fire department members who work on the road crew. Jim proposed that the town would keep them on town time when they respond to important calls with the fire department, when their help is needed. Mathew stated that he considers that they are still doing a service for the town. Jim said he would need to verify that the fire department's 501C3 status wouldn't be jeopardized. There was discussion to provide the pay as extra vacation time instead of being considered on the clock for the town. A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Tom to approve the proposal. It will be clarified in the Personnel Policy. Unanimously approved.

Old business-

Platt post office elevation project- The town needs to hire an engineer to finish local zoning permitting. Kevin suggested that a clause in the town's Purchasing Policy that allows hiring professional services without the normal bidding process, would allow us to hire Beck Engineering, who has previously done work on the project. Motion by Taylor, seconded by George, to hire Beck Engineering to complete the work, under the Purchasing Policy provision for professional services. Unanimously passed.

Lowell Lake State Park expansion plans- Numerous citizens spoke at length to their opinions about the proposed developments at the park. The town doesn't have direct impact on the development plans, other than what authority the local zoning bylaws may have. No action was taken.

New business-

Emergency Management Director Kevin Beattie informed the board that a newly uncovered requirement for a Fire and Safety inspection be done before using Flood Brook School as an emergency shelter. The inspection was completed and the school needs to have additional CO/smoke detectors in the area used as a shelter. Kevin asked the selectboard for approval for spending \$250 for the detectors, to come out of the EMD budget. Before action was taken, Marie Porecca, who was in attendance, offered to donate the funds, in appreciation of the town's emergency management and fire/rescue services.

Executive session-

At 8:37 PM, a motion was made by George, seconded by Bob, to go into Executive Session to discuss employee hiring.

Came out of Executive Session at 9:44. Motion by Tom, seconded by George to offer the positions of Town Administrator, Zoning Administrator, and Floodplain Administrator to Shane O’Keefe. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Approved January 7, 2019

James Ameden, Chair

Georgianne Mora, Vice-Chair

Thomas Cavanagh

Robert Forbes

Taylor Prouty