

Selectmen's minutes of meeting October 5, 2015

Members present: Alice Boyd, Jeff Gray, John Skrip, Dolores Harasyko

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Tax Classification hearing called to order. Assessor Chair Bethany Perry present to review the process. Motion by Jeff, second by John, passed unanimously to make no changes in the tax classification. Copy attached.

Bob Greenfield in representing the Otis Woodland Association regarding taxes. Bob reviewed information from the Woodlands. Some of the property owners feel that they are being taxed at a higher rate than the rest of the town. Bethany Perry reviewed that the tax rate is the same for all properties in town. Assessor Clerk Jackie presented factual documentation on the tax rate. Some properties are at a higher value due to water frontage but the tax rate is the same for all. There is a personal property tax which is state mandated for second homeowners. Bob will bring the information back to the Woodlands Association meeting.

Kathy Jacobs has contacted Mike Parsons from Kelly, Granger, Parson Engineering firm for a survey for the Highway Department and Old Town Hall. These buildings will not be included in the new town complex. The Strategic Planning Comm are looking into using the same footprint. The footprint includes the wooden structure in the back of the highway garage. The cost of the survey is \$4,000 plus \$58 per hour. If we have a better number we will place this on the special town meeting warrant. Dolores asked about the Old Town Hall. Kathy Jacobs responded that they intend to take the building down and use that footprint for the Highway Dept. for storage but that this will not happen for a while. Alice reviewed procurement requirements.

Items 4 & 5 on the agenda will be placed on next weeks agenda.

Discussed the warrant for a special town meeting. There is a legal bill from last fiscal year that needs to be paid and will require a 9/10ths vote. Discussed setting money aside for additional help in the winter. Jeff does not agree with this. He feels we had a plan in place that was voted down. John would like \$50,000. Alice and Jeff do not agree. Alice reviewed safety issues. She feels that \$20,000 is a good number. Discussed elected versus appointed positions. Discussed having an amount to pay the current tax collector to stay on as a consultant to train the next tax collector. We will need to pay her until June 30, 2015.

Alice announced that Teresa DellaGiustina has accepted a full time position with the Farmington River School. Teresa explained that she will continue to work as treasurer in the evening.

John asked if the selectmen could ask department heads to come up with a list of equipment to dispose of.

Dolores prepared a packet with this past years budget request forms and asked the finance committee and selectmen to review them.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Alice Boyd

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Jeff Gray

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John Skrip