

Board of Selectman
November 21, 2017
Meeting

Present: Nelson, Tanner, Warshaw

Regrets:

Recording Secretary: C. Frisbie

Public Works: J. Tanner

P&Z; R Bolte, S. Dubray

Public: E Schoenfeld, Tom Paul

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Nelson

- 1. Minutes:** *Motion (Warshaw/Tanner) to accept the minutes of October 17, 2017 All Approved*
- 2. Public Comment:** Tom Paul asked the Selectmen to enact a firearms policy for the Town. He explained how there are neighbors who are recklessly shooting and would like to see a policy enforcing proper safety procedures for firearms. T. Paul submitted a policy from Newton CT for the Selectman's review. Selectman will take this under advisement and will review and research the request.
- 3. Additions to the Agenda:** Fire Company
- 4. P&Z – Healthcare Pods:** R. Bolte addressed the Board regarding a State Statute (PA 17-155) and the option to "opt-out" of the possibility of Healthcare Pods in Warren. Bolte stressed the demands put on the P&Z to approve the request for pods within 15 days of the application and then to monitor whether or not the elderly person is still in the healthcare pod in order for the pod to be removed. At this time, the Board of Selectmen's opinion is not to opt-out of this statute. They feel if a resident is able to care for their elderly relative and are able to comply with the State Statute, then they should have the right to do so.
- 5. Expenditures:** the FY 2017-18 expenditures were reviewed. No Comments
- 6. Public Works:** J. Tanner is requesting to purchase a new truck in the Spring of 2018. The original request was denied by a Town vote in October 2017 – residents asked if Truck #11 could be fixed instead of purchasing a new one considering the unknown certainties of the State and the possibility of a supplemental tax. Tanner explained that Truck #11 was purchased to plow the southend of the Town and because it's a smaller truck, it would also plow the parking lots and in case of an emergency during a snow storm, plow a driveway for the ambulance and/or fire trucks to access. The problem is the truck has major electrical problems. It will just shut off. The truck has been in to find the problem and it keeps getting little things fixed, but never corrected the problem. It would cost \$11,225 to repair truck so it can be used (does not include whatever the mystery electrical problem is) – we were offered \$17,000 and if we were to spend the funds and it didn't fix the problem, the truck would still only be worth \$17,000 as a trade-in. Tanner listed the repairs and the cost of each item just to get it on the road including the problem of a dump truck not being able to dump because of a loose wire that keeps being repaired. Then the additional costs for having it ready to plow the roads and parking lots (tires, springs, blades for plow, shocks). Because of all the safety issues, Tanner will take Truck #11 off the road for the winter season.

The F250 pickup will be used to plow the parking lots, Wolfe Road and Wasley property – this puts a tremendous amount of stress on the new pickup. Tanner is requesting approval from the Selectmen to take the request back to the Board of Finance and then to a Town Meeting in May 2018. Request will be on the next Board of Finance agenda

- 7. Appointments:** Joanne C. Tiedmann, Town Clerk (11/21/17-11/16/19)
Heather Perssonatti, Tax Collector (11/21/17-11/16/19)
Robin Ploch, Zoning Board of Appeals (11/21/17-11/16/19)
Kirby Mullen, Park and Recreation (fulfill Dacey term of 12/16-12/19)
Joseph Manley, Board of Assessment Appeals (11/21/17-11/16/21)
John Papp, Planning and Zoning Alternate (11/21/17-10/2020)
Motion (Tanner/Warshaw) to approve the above appointments to office All Approved

8. First Selectman's Report:

- A) **Library** – Nelson working with Schoenfeld on LOCIP paperwork
B) **Park and Rec:** K Lundberg submitted her resignation from the Committee as of Jan 1, 2018
We are looking for another volunteer to fulfill her vacancy (alternate position 12/15-12/18)
C) **Reader Board:** J. Tanner updated the Board – need to confirm with Schultz about wiring.
Fleet will install granite posts and Layman's have brackets for installation
D) **CC:** PW to plant new Christmas Tree the week of 11/26 for Holiday on the Hill

- 9. Additions to Agenda: Fire Company** Warshaw spoke about the possibility of making an ordinance regarding repeated false alarms (alarm systems). Suggests the WVFC research and submit an ordinance request to the Selectmen to review and bring to a Town Meeting
Areas of concern: 1) access to gated houses – how residents might be encouraged to have codes for the Fire Company to access in case of emergency 2) dry hydrants – residents are installing dry hydrants on their property and the Fire Company has no knowledge of the hydrants, plus they are not installed correctly – renders them useless in an emergency situation

Motion (Warshaw/Tanner) to adjourn at 6:05 pm All Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen M. Frisbie
Recording Secretary