

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Summary
February 10, 2016

In attendance: Select Board –Duane Vigue and Berkley Linscott; Town Clerk/Treasurer – Ann Dean; CEO – Bob Temple; Public: Tom Johnston, Jason Seiders, Norman Casas, Charlotte Henderson

Duane Vigue called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Berkley Linscott moved to accept the summary from 2/3/16 as written, Duane Vigue seconded, all in favor.

Berkley Linscott moved to accept the warrants as written \$5,756.52/payroll and \$6,305.30/vendor, Duane Vigue seconded, all in favor.

Public Works Report – Duane Vigue reported for 1/31-2/6 sanded roads, worked in garage (washed the trucks, greased and oiled, took the sanders out and cleaned the beds and oiled), plowed and sanded, scrapped roads. Berkley Linscott moved to accept the report as read, Duane Vigue seconded, all in favor.

CEO Report – Bob Temple reported he had no new permits this week. The Linscott gravel extraction application went before the Planning Board last night and they will deliberate next month.

Jason Seiders, Regional Fisheries Biologist from Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, explained the process of stocking and access to Washington Pond. Since 2003 the pond was voted to be hand carry only. The pond does not have equitable access for a boat launch to the general public. Without this equitable access this pond should not have been stocked. Jason explained that it is against their policy to stock a pond with hand access only. He gave a brief overview of the handout given to the Select Board. If the town still wants to enforce it as a hand carry they will not be able to stock brown and brook trout. The deed would not be violated if the town maintained that site as an equitable access to the public. Duane Vigue stated that it was put to the town in 2011 for trailered access which was voted down. Norman Casas asked if moving the rocks for access would violate DEP or Shoreland Zoning. Jason said it would not change anything other than space, not changing the use type. Duane stated, with this new development, the Select Board will look over the old warrants and put it on the upcoming town meeting warrant. Jason and Duane will work together to come up with a presentation for the town. Charlotte Henderson asked if this could be on the warrant for this coming year. Duane said it could.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Report – Ann Dean reported she moved the \$3,500.00 from the sale of the plow truck was put into the plow truck reserve account. RSU40 requested to fill out an extensive financial application for a bond for Prescott Memorial School. Ann mailed 2 years of audits. Ann received PERC information from Reggie Burns. Roy Garnett turned his papers in for the 3-year term as Selectmen. She worked Saturday and Sunday on the budget to show the percentages that the Budget Committee asked for and took out 2014 so there would be less numbers. Using our TRIO System we can make it work instead of using outside spreadsheets. The auditors will be here tomorrow and Friday.

Duane Vigue started the conversation regarding the possibility of a position opening for a town administrator. An administrator would take over the 'extra' jobs Ann has taken on as well as many of the Selectmen's duties as the State has been making more demands regarding paperwork. Duane has researched and will continue to speak with others to draft a list of responsibilities and a warrant article to see if the town would be willing to create a position. He will present this at next week's meeting.

Duane Vigue made a motion to instruct the Roads Crew to use the most advantageous place for the town to purchase truck fuel. Berkley seconded, all in favor.

Duane Vigue has inquired, through the State Fire Marshall's Office, about putting a 500-gallon tank at the town garage. For safety purposes the tank can be set into the bottom of a septic tank. The permit is \$15.00. He will call Maritime for more information on delivery fees, tank system/cost.

Duane Vigue has researched employee health benefits through MMA. The program presented would save the town \$3000.00 - \$4000.00/year. Duane motioned to move forward to ask a representative from MMA to come in to explain the plan with paperwork. Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor. Berkley asked if the employees should be present. Duane thought that would be a good idea.

Duane Vigue read a letter from Fred Newcomb regarding a lawsuit in town regarding right of way issues on Doe Mill Road. Fred states this appears to be a private issue and would like to meet with the Selectmen to determine the town's position in this matter.

Duane Vigue stated we receive the official bid response for next year's #2 fuel from Maritime Energy. The Select Board will sign to the paperwork to lock in at \$1.50/gal.

Duane Vigue moved to amend Article 6 in the town warrant to read 'to see if the town will vote to pay wages at a pay rate set forth by the Select Board and approved at the annual town meeting for compensation of personnel and labor costs and to allow the Select Board to negotiate the rate per hour cost for equipment used in maintaining public roads for the ensuing year'. He spoke about labor costs for 2016-2017. The Roads Foreman would be \$21.01. After Duane did some research he found that the plow truck drivers are underpaid and the reserve drivers are overpaid. Duane Vigue made a motion to change the plow truck drivers from \$16.21 to \$16.80 and the reserve drivers from \$14.44 to \$14.00, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Questions and Comments

Berkley Linscott would like to change Article 3 'members to citizens'. Ann Dean asked that the Selectmen write down any changes they would like and she would change it.

Tom Johnston asked Duane Vigue to talk a little more about the pay rates that were discussed earlier. Tom said going to town meeting Duane's duty is to set the cap on Article 6. Duane explained that there is a cap for 2016-2017 as an hourly rate. Duane wants to give the town the opportunity to vote on the salaries of the Road Crew.

Norman Casas spoke as an alternate on the Tri County Board of Directors. He asked the Board to look over the information he presented to them and give him advise on how to proceed. He said the Tri County budget passed and looks good to him and the facility is doing well. Duane Vigue said he would look it over and get back to Norman.

Duane Vigue adjourned the meeting at 7:52PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson