

Town of Chatham

November 3, 2016

Attendance: William Perry, Jeanne Eastman, Bill Briggs, Tricia Pitman, Doug MacPherson, Lisa Lewis, and Kathy Harju

Meeting called to order.

Minutes for October, 2016 were accepted as written.

Road Agents Report:

Bill reported that when the phone cable was dug up the phone company filled it back in but never compacted the ditch so after the recent rain the mail carrier's vehicle sank into the ditch area and had to be towed out.

Bill reported that gravel had been added to Province Brook Road.

Bill inquired as to whether or not the road agent position could return to being a one year term.

Bill suggested that a capital reserve fund be set up to replace culverts in the future. A warrant article would have to be placed in the town report and voted on. It could be possible to place left over highway block grant money into the reserve fund instead of rolling it over to spent the following year.

Bill inquired about registering the dump truck. Bill Perry said that he felt that this should be voted on by the entire board.

Tuesday, November 15 the Board will hold an additional meeting to discuss registering the truck as a town truck and budgeting for the addition to the town building.

Bill added that the private road signs have not been put up. He suggested that the people that lived on the roads could possibly put up the private sign. He is going to look into it and contact the owners.

Bill Perry had contacted Eversource in regards to last month's meeting. He told them via email that as long as they stay within the Easement set in 1938, they could set the poles on Robbins Ridge road.

The Board signed vouchers.

The Board signed the Equalization Assessment Data Form.

The Board signed an intent to cut wood for James Diegoli.

The Board reviewed the new contract with Rod Wood and Associates. They approved the contract pending notification of the DRA.

The Board received an invitation to visit the County Farm.

The Board received mail from Health Trust and Primex. Both items will be forwarded to Wayne Infinger.

I provided the Board with the data on the Sojourner Property.

The data will be forwarded to Attorney Malia. He will calculate the interest due on the property. The deed is currently being prepared.

The Board decided to give the moderator a key to the town house for elections.

Ballot clerks will be contacted to attend the next election, Nov. 8, 2016.

The pay for ballot clerks will be increased to \$75.00.

The pay for supervisors of the checklist will increase to \$100.00.

The pay for moderator will increase to \$100.00.

A paralegal from Cooper, Gargill and Chant contacted the Board and asked for a copy of the email sent to them from Attorney Malia concerning Toad Hill Road and the Forrest Service. They are representing Justin Fisher. Bill Perry has requested that Attorney Malia forward the email to them.

Library/School House. -

There has been some activity at the school house but no one at the meeting was aware if any of the books had been removed. Doug Macpherson stated that the Historical Society was waiting for an official offer from the Board to decide whether they are interested in taking over ownership of the building. Some members of the Historical Society would like the town to make the repairs to the building, some would like a list of what needs to be done to the building.

Doug Macpherson suggested that a date may need to be given to the library members for the removal of the books.

A copy of the engineers report will be forwarded to Doug so that he can share it with the Historical Society.

Lisa Lewis would like the lease for the land to cover the expense of the ownership of the building transfer.

Other Business:

Lisa Lewis brought up the Town Website. There has been no activity on the website for many months. Money was spent to have the website but nothing is happening with it.

Doug MacPherson offered to temporarily begin updating the website. He will meet with Bill Perry to learn how to do this. The meeting notice for when Selectmen meetings were to be held was removed from the bulletin boards.

The members of the budget committee commented on the budget workshop that they attended. They felt it was a good workshop. They questions whether the Road Agents budget should be broken out in detail. Doug was going to contact someone from the workshop and get more information.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Pitman