

Town of Chatham

January 5, 2017

Attendance: Wayne Infinger, Bill Briggs, Jason Eastman, William Perry, Tricia Pitman, Doug MacPherson, Lisa Lewis, Kathy Harju, Ellie Eastma, Barbara Eastman, Frank Eastman, Kimberly Callen, Sue Crowley, Julie Hoyt, Dan Bacon, Lori Bacon, Ron Briggs, Dale McClure, Jennifer McClure

Meeting called to order.

Minutes for December, 2016 were accepted as written.

Jason Eastman was given mailing notices that were returned to the town office for the planning board.

Road Agent Report:

Bill gave the Board a certificate of insurance for John Marshall who is now plowing snow for the town.

He reported that he had not had time to get the warrant articles completed to hand into the Board. (capital reserve fund for Highway & Bridges and reducing the current road agent position from 3 years to 1 year)

Bill announced that he will not run for reelection of road agent in March.

The Board discussed with Bill why he wanted to reduce the road agent term to one year. They also discussed with Bill why he felt there should be a capital reserve fund established.

The Board agreed to put both articles in this year's report.

Bill asked if the port a potty could be removed until the March town meeting. Bill said that he would call and ask that it be removed.

The Board signed vouchers.

The Board signed two abatement forms. Barbara Bagocius- \$1,500 for Veteran's credit. Patrick Callen \$36 for inventory penalty.

Lauri Crouse returned her report for excavated material, no tax will be assessed.

Two partitioned warrant articles were given to the Board to review.

The Board received the report for Carroll County's budget.

The Division of Fire Safety inquired as to whether or not the town had ever acted on RSA 160 (fireworks). The town has not.

The Board received a letter from Pittsburg. They wanted the Board to write a letter in support of their objection to Eversource doing things within the town's right away without permission. The Board will review the information and discuss this at the next meeting.

I informed the Board that I had received a phone call from a woman representing the company that use to handle mortgages for Sugarbush. She had researched the old records and informed me that the mortgage was settled and to go ahead and sell the property. I gave all of this information to Peter Malia.

The Board received a letter from McLane/Middleton. It informed the Board of a lawsuit that was being filed against our former insurance company. This will be filed with the other insurance information.

Town Hall Project-

Bill Perry handed out three documents:

1. List of items to be part of, not limited to renovation and rebuilding of the town hall.
2. Proposed special warrant article.

3. Itemized list of cost of work to be done- \$ 112,363

The Board discussed the proposal. They decided to take out the generator for now and deduct 1,000 dollars in the cost of heating unit.

They rounded the cost off to \$105,000 for the project.

Bill read the warrant article and then opened it up for discussion.

Some of the things that were discussed were:

Why demolish the small room?

Trust roof- designed to provide room for storage.

Moving the memorial to Parsonage lot.

How would the parking lot impact the septic and well placement?

Parking lot entrance? Main road or Toad Hill road.

Wayne Infinger asked that everyone spread the word that it is very important for people to come to town meeting and vote.

A motion to put the warrant article in the warrant. It was seconded and all were in favor.

Land Sale Contract- Extension was reviewed. The Board wants the wording changed to a Selectmen's Deed from a clear title. Bill will send it back to Suzie Laskin.

Library/School house update:

Barbara Eastman stated that several books had been removed from the library (2000). There are about 2000 books left that need to be removed. She wanted an extension of when the books had to be removed from the library. The Board said that they felt that there would be enough time to remove the books. If the town votes to sell the building to the Historical Society it will take a while for all of the paperwork to be filed.

The Historical Society would like to hold a bonfire on the town's property on Feb. 4, 2017 at 4:30. The Board discussed insurance, safety and use of town house for a slide show. Wayne made a motion to

approve request, Jason seconded the motion, all were in favor of the bonfire.

The next meeting for February 2 has been canceled. It will be held on Monday, Jan. 30.

The Board discussed a letter from the Forest service detailing plans for a timber cut. More information can be found on their website.

The Board will hold a work session to set their budget for 2017 on Jan. 30 at 5:00.

Doug MacPherson asked if it would be ok to take the damaged flagpole. His Aunt would like it. They gave approval.

Bill Briggs had the Board sign forest warden appointments. There are two new people being added- Jim Coogen, John Norris.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Pitman