

Town of Chatham

December 7, 2017

Attendance: Wayne Infinger, Jason Eastman, Tricia Pitman, William Briggs, Doug MacPherson, Bill Briggs, Ron Briggs, Jeanne Eastman, Steve Eastman, Alan Eastman, Lisa Lewis

Meeting called to order.

Minutes for November 2017 were accepted as written.

Mail:

Vouchers were signed. A decision was made to not pay for Alpine Web yet. The Board may switch web companies.

Heidi Lawton had sent an email requesting that the road agent let her know if he would be requesting any funding to pay for costs due to the October storm.

I informed the Board that I had met with Phil Bodwell from the DRA. We discussed Veteran Credits, current use forms and recertification.

Carroll County sent a copy of their proposed budget.

There were road signs delivered to the town clerk's office. They were apparently ordered by Mel Cherry. Wayne Infinger said that he would look into it.

Two abatements were approved. Both were related to Veteran Credits not being applied.

The Department of Transportation sent a meeting notice on the 10 year plan.

Road Agent's Report: Alan stated that he had done some work on Butter Hill road to fix the road after the storm in October had caused some damage. He stated that it might need a little more work in the spring. He added that there is roughly \$6,000 dollars left in the budget for the remainder of the year.

The Historical Society members addressed the Board next. They offered again to begin paying for the heat and electricity at the school house. The bills will continue to come to the town clerk's office. The bills will be forwarded to the Historical Society from this point forward. The Historical Society asked if they could begin using the top half of the school house to begin sorting through things. The Board was not in favor of this at this time. Wayne Infinger is going to ask the Fire Marshall to inform the Selectmen and the Historical Society of what needs to be done to the building at this time for it to be able to be used by the Historical Society. (A limited use policy.)

Lisa Lewis asked the Board to express how they think the building should be used. Jason Eastman stated that he was in favor of the Historical Society using the building for future use. Wayne Infinger stated that he would like to see the Historical Society use the top half and the town use the bottom half for storage. He also stated that he would be in favor of the town selling the Historical Society a piece of land and having the Historical Society raise money to build a building on the land.

It was noted that the chimney on the school house is still in need of repair. Lisa Lewis would ask her husband, John, for a new estimate. David Emery has been asked for an estimate on what it would cost to add a handicap ramp/access and to sure up the floor.

Doug MacPherson inquired as to the status of the removal of the dead pine tree. Jason Eastman said that he would contact Eversource to find out.

William Briggs suggested that a warrant article be added to this year's warrant. The warrant would ask the voters to approve an ordinance that would prohibit parking on town roads from Nov.1 to April 30. A sign would have to be placed at the beginning of every road. William Briggs and Alan Eastman are both in favor of this ordinance.

Lisa Lewis inquired as to when the new town office would open. Wayne stated that the floor needed to be waxed and that the safes would be installed on Monday.

There was a short discussion about how to plow the new driveway. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Pitman