

TOWN OF LANGDON

APPROVED SELECTBOARD MINUTES

February 10th, 2020

7:03 Meeting called to Order by Chairman Lou Beam.

The Board reviewed and accepted minutes from the January 27th and February 3rd Meetings noting that the Meetinghouse is registered under the National Parks Service National Register of Historic Buildings.

Lou Beam reviewed the Town Calendar.

February 11th Presidential Primary 11-7pm at the Municipal Building

February 11th Special Planning Board Meeting at 7:00pm

February 13th Sewing Group 1-3pm

February 17th President's Day- Offices Closed

February 18th Planning Board Meeting at 7:00pm

February 20th Community Club 1-3pm

Lou noted that the Planning Board Special Meeting on the 11th will be to review the new Master Plan.

Recognition of Visitors:

The Board recognized Dennis McClary, Mike Sweeney and Andrea Cheeney from the Heritage Commission. The Board congratulated them on the accomplishment of adding the Meetinghouse to the Registry. It does bring new responsibility to the Town in that the Town is obligated to maintain the building from now on. Dennis mentioned that having it on the registry does not encumber the building at all. He also said that Richard Casella had been a huge help to the Heritage Commission. Lou brought up the list of issues that need to be addressed. He said the roof deterioration due to age would be important. He said that next years' budget might provide an opportunity to get the roof replaced and take care of some of the other, smaller issues. He said they should look at the priorities and look into grants available to help with those projects. Dennis said that the Town could use ¼ in kind services for the grant and the past two years maintenance money can be part of the towns' portion; (the grants are a 50/50 split). Dennis said that they need a professional historic building expert to assess the building; NH Preservation Alliance does offer a grant up to \$5000 to hire an expert. The Heritage Commission Members and the Selectboard discussed that the slate is coming off the roof as the nails are probably 150 years old and there are still wooden shingles under the slate. Lou asked about the key areas of concern. Dennis said that the roof is number one, the windows are in pretty rough shape and the plaster is failing in the stairway. The Boards discussed grant timelines and opportunities. Dennis mentioned that if they apply for the grant for the historic building expert it would take another year before the projects could be started because of grant deadlines. The Board thought that they may be able to use money from the General Building Fund to hire the expert to start the grant process. They discussed the cost of a new slate roof (\$50,000) and that, with maintenance, it should last 100 years. The Heritage Commission will go through the building to make a guide of things that need to be done. The Selectboard gave the Heritage Commission the okay to start the process.

Old Business:

1. The Board discussed with Steve Murrell, Police Chief, if Josh would like to give his resignation, as he does not work any hours. The Board also asked if Steve could stop by a residents' house to discuss the number of unregistered and uninspected vehicles on the property.

2. Lou discussed the Sam Government ID with the Board. Jess will look into it.

New Business:

1. Devin brought up the plowing of Russell and Lamb Roads. He asked if there was a possibility that Charlestown could plow the remainder of the roads as they are there already and it would be less than one mile of plowing. The Board thought to discuss the option with Todd.

2. Lou discussed the School Deliberative Session. He said that Jim Fenn was looking into applying for some grants and would require some numbers from the town.

3. The Board reviewed and signed Orders.

8:23 Move to Adjourn. (Nate, Devin)

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Jarvis