

TOWN OF LANGDON

APPROVED SELECTBOARD MINUTES

February 3rd, 2020

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

The minutes presented were for a previous meeting. The Board will accept the January 27th minutes at the next meeting.

Lou Beam reviewed the Town Calendar.

February 5th Coffee Hours 10:00 to 12:00

February 5th SAU 60 Deliberative Session 6:40 at the High School Auditorium

February 10th Public Budget Hearing 6:00pm at the Municipal Building

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

Lou brought up that he is willing to have a Budget presentation/ unofficial meeting during the day on February 10th for those residents who cannot attend the evening public budget meeting.

The Board opened sealed bids for the Holden Hill Paving Project. The last part of the Holden Hill Paving is 7/10^{ths} of a mile. The bids were as follows:

Bazin Brothers:	\$124,236.00
Springfield Paving:	\$123,645.10
Arlington Paving:	\$126,760.00

The Board and Todd will review the bids and will contact the companies when a decision is made.

Recognition of Visitors:

The Board recognized Keith and Gail Short. The Shorts asked what the reasoning was of the Board to seasonally close a portion of Winch Hill Road. Lou said that there were a number of factors leading to this decision. The main factor is safety for the steepest part of the hill for both drivers and the Highway Department. He added that there will not be any issue for rescue as they do not use that road. The Shorts discussed the inconvenience that closing the road would create for them. Keith has 400 taps that he may not be able to get to and hay deliveries. Devin discussed that his deciding factor was that the Highway Department has to back up the hill to sand and salt it. Lou also mentioned the rollover accident and that GPS still sends drivers that way to get to Bascom's. The Board mentioned that they had drafted a letter to send out to residents on that road to let them know about the warrant article sooner. Keith discussed that the tractor trailer issue seems to have been resolved by the signs and Bascom's letting the trucking companies know the route. The Board said that they did not want to impact the Short's livelihood but did consider it a safety hazard. The Board and the Shorts discussed that the Town will discuss it at Town Meeting and Keith can also speak to the article. The Board thanked the Shorts for attending.

Old Business:

1. The Board addressed Police Chief Steve Murrell. Lou said the Board had met and decided to accept Steve's resignation; that with the options of reduced hours or resignation they felt it was better to accept his resignation. He will continue as Chief until February 29th and notify the proper people of the change, dispatch etc. They also asked that he work on the transition. The Board will then start the search for a new chief.

New Business:

1. Lou discussed that the Meetinghouse had been added to the National Registry. The Town is now responsible for the upkeep. Lou said that the Heritage Commission had a list of repairs needed. One of those repairs is the need for a new roof. Lou discussed that the slate roof was put over the original cedar shakes. The cedar needs to be taken off and new plywood and new slate for the roof. Griffin had said that the old slate would be too brittle and cracked to reuse. The cost for the slate alone would be \$15,000 but that the roof, with maintenance, could last 100 years. Lou thought that next year, with no big expenditures, they could think about doing the roof and repairs. He thought that Dennis could apply for an LCHIP grant and the Town would then be responsible for only half of the costs. Lou said that the plaster in the stairway is failing; the steeple still has a bat problem and the ladder upstairs needs to be replaced. Lou mentioned bundling all the repairs and with an LCHIP grant the cost would be \$40,000 to \$50,000. The Board asked to have Dennis attend a meeting to start discussions on the repairs.

2. The Board went over the budget and warrant articles. Lou mentioned that the Town will need to start adding more yearly to the Capital Reserve Funds starting in 2021. He also said that the fund balance is still in good shape and will be adding around \$30,000 from 2019.

3. The Board reviewed and signed an abatement for the Tax Collector.

4. The Board reviewed and signed a PO for the Road Agent.

5. The Board reviewed and signed Payroll.

6. The Board reviewed and signed Orders.

8:30 Move to Adjourn. (Nate, Devin)

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Jarvis