

TOWN OF LANGDON

UNAPPROVED SELECTBOARD MINUTES

January 9th, 2017

Selectboard Meeting called to Order at 7:04 by Chair Lou Beam.

Present: Lou Beam, Ron Batchelder and Bud Ross.

Minutes of the December 29th meeting accepted as written. (3-0)

Lou Beam, reviewed the Town Calendar.

Recognition of Visitors:

Martha Walsh, Langdon resident, discussed with the Board three things she did not agree with on her new assessment and then tax bill. She mentioned that she had on her property a wood shed, that she had not needed a permit for, that was being valued as an equipment shed. She also has a mudroom from the house to the garage that was assessed as an enclosed porch and she thought the value of that was high as well for what it was. The third issue was the land she had purchased across the street. The land is landlocked and she thought that the market value should be lowered. Mrs. Walsh had already had a conversation with the Town's assessment company so the Board asked her to write an official appeal to the Town and the Board would request that CNP went to her house when she was present to go over the issues. Martha agreed and the Board thanked her for coming.

Dennis Mc Clary talked to the Board about the Heritage Commission attempting to request grant monies from LCHIP and Perhaps Mooseplate to correct the issue with the rotting clapboards. Dennis mentioned that the clapboards at the base of the steeple were severely rotted and the remaining three sides of the Meetinghouse also needed new clapboards. Dennis explained that the grants would match funds with the Commission/Town. The Town's contribution could also consist of donated time and services. Dennis noted that the Heritage Commission does have around \$7,500.00 they could put toward the project. He said that the clapboards are the most pressing issue. Fire suppression was another big issue but he mentioned that it was really too big of a project to consider. Dennis also noted that applications for the grants are due in May and the money from those grants does not come out until December so they may need to think of a way to protect the building from potential leaks from around the rotting clapboards for the winter of 2017. The Board thanked Dennis.

Doug Beach, with the Cemetery Committee, talked to the Selectboard about the 2017 budget for the cemeteries. He noted that due to circumstances they had not tackled any projects this past year, spending only \$3,755.47 of their budget. Doug mentioned that they do want to have more mowing and cleanup done this year. He also said there are trees to cut and stones to straighten. Doug would like to keep the Cemetery budget the same as last year with the intention of completing some needed projects to keep the cemeteries

up. Doug noted that only \$9,000.00 of the Cemetery budget is raised through taxation. The Board accepted keeping the Cemetery Budget the same as last year. The Board thanked Doug.

Lou brought up that the Board is looking to keep the budget down due to the expense of paving Crane Brook Road this year. He also noted that the School Board projects a 1.7% raise for this year in Langdon. Lou also brought up that the State is not giving monies to the towns that had been earmarked for them.

Greg Chaffee, Fire Department Chief, discussed with the Board the purchasing of the Scotts packs in 2020. He thought that setting up a Capital Reserve Fund for them starting this year would be the best choice. He said that the Fire Department needs to replace 15 bottles for an approximate cost of \$15,000. The Fire Department had spent \$30,355.77 out of their budgeted \$31,500 for the year. Greg mentioned that Mutual Aid was not going up this year. The Selectboard discussed with him the Capital Reserve Fund in place for the purchase of a new fire truck. If the Town continues adding \$10,000 per year it should be covered. Greg asked the Board about finishing up the deck project in the Fire Station under the General Buildings Budget. He said the cost would be \$750. The Board said they would have to discuss what projects needed to be funded at the Municipal Building this year. The Board thanked Greg.

Ray Gosetti, with the Langdon Police Department, also joined the meeting. The Board discussed with Ray that they had asked for a plan for the March transition and had not yet had any update. The Board decided to have a meeting on the 16th to go over the Police Department budget and the transition plan with Ray L'Abbe and Ray Gosetti. The Board was concerned with how the transition would go and what impact it would have on the 2017 budget. Ray and the Board also discussed the SRO situation. Rosemary is out of work on workmen's comp again after a visit to check out her shoulder. The Board wanted to know how long they should plan on having her out in the event that she did need surgery. They also asked Ray to come up with a description of the resource officer's duties, a plan for the March transition and options for filling the SRO position.

Old Business:

1. The Board read over a letter prepared by Lou and sent out to Charlestown, Walpole, Alstead and Acworth concerning the Food Shelf. The letter would give the other Towns the opportunity to see what had been happening with the Food Shelf and Advisory Board.

New Business:

1. The Board reviewed and signed an Intent to Cut.
2. The Board reviewed and signed a refund for overpayment of taxes.
3. The Board reviewed and signed POs for the Highway Department.

8:35 Motion to enter into non-public meeting under RSA 91-A:3. (Ron, Bud) (3-0)

8:39 Motion to close the non-public meeting and reenter the public meeting. (Ron, Bud) (3-0)

4. The Board reviewed and signed orders.

5. The Board reviewed and signed payroll.

8:47 Move to Adjourn. (Bud, Ron)

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Jarvis