

TOWN OF LANGDON

UNAPPROVED SELECTBOARD MINUTES

October 22nd, 2018

7:00 Meeting to Order by Chairman, Bud Ross.

Minutes for the October 1st and October 15th Meetings were accepted as written. (3-0)

Bud Ross reviewed the Town Calendar.

October 29th Selectboard Meeting @ 7pm

October 31st Tailgate Trick O' Treating at the Meetinghouse

November 5th Selectboard Meeting @ 7pm

November 6th State Election 8:00 to 7:00

Recognition of Visitors:

The Board welcomed John Revilla. John discussed with the Board that he is the CEO of Northern Lights Credit Union. He did ask that the Town consider moving their business there since it was right in town. John then noted that as a business owner in town he was concerned about the rumor of Langdon going to State Police. John discussed that the Credit Union's alarm had gone off over the weekend. He said the alarm went off at 5:05 and when he contacted the State Police he was told that they were another 30 or 40 minutes out. John then called Ray. John said that, in his opinion, the State Police just did not have the number of people in their service to cover all the areas. The Board thanked John. Lou mentioned that the Selectboard is just gathering information to present at Town Meeting concerning the Police Department and that the townspeople could then make their choice.

Everett Adams, Building Inspector, reported to the Board that he had checked out the Stratemeyer residence and that there was only one apartment that they rent. He also discussed that Joan had explained that people were allowed to camp overnight, if needed, in self contained campers but there were no hook ups and the camping was for overnights only. Everett said he found no violations. Ray L'abbe mentioned that he had a discussion with another residence and they will call to schedule a meeting with Everett. The Board thanked Everett.

Steven Smith, State Representative, also addressed the Selectboard. Steve discussed with the Board a proposed bill to change the way that the towns were aided by the State for education. Steve brought up that the adequacy aid would increase as well as the aid for free and reduced hot lunches. He also discussed changes in the formula for 2021 and that the decrease in stabilization grant would end with the passing of the bill. The Board will ask for the number of enrolled Langdon students and crunch the numbers. The Board thanked Steven for coming.

The Board welcomed Liet. Mike Kokoski from Troop C State Police. Mike discussed with the Board what State Police coverage would look like for Langdon. Mike noted that the State Police had responded to approximately 60 individual incidents in Langdon from 10/22/17 to 10/22/18. State Police in Cheshire and Sullivan Counties employ about 30 troopers and they are divided into 3 shifts. Mike said that on average there are two troopers in each county and a supervisor per shift with some overlap. Mike said the funding is just not there to hire any more troopers. He said due to the area and limited number of employees, it does take time to respond and they do have to prioritize the calls. He also mentioned that each call is handled, even with the constraints, and each is handled in a professional manner. Lou asked how the priority list was deemed. Mike anything with a life safety component or property was highest on the list. He mentioned that they do lean on the neighboring departments as well if needed. Mike said in a worse case scenario response time would be no more than 45 minutes. They did discuss that there are early morning hours in which the State Police are not available. John Revilla noted that he did not think that per 1000 our PD does not add much to the tax rate. The Board and Mike discussed details, ie the School. Mike said those were usually easy, as people were volunteering to work. Ray L'abbe mentioned that

there were 330 calls for service this year and he thought they would be adding a burden to an already understaffed State Police Department. They did discuss other towns that have State Police Coverage, Westmoreland, Surry and Acworth. Mike did not know of any complaints from those towns concerning their coverage. The Board thanked Liet. Kokoski.

Old Business:

1. Lou brought the Board up to date on the Master Plan. The Planning Board met last week with the SWPC with regards to gaining their help with the new master plan. The data involved would be more than the Planning Board could handle or have access to. Lou said that the Town could contract with the Planning Commission to help with certain aspects of the plan. The first necessary chapters are population and housing, land use and division and transportation. Lou said that SWPC would do the chapter on transportation at no cost. The cost per chapter would be between \$1700 and \$2400. Lou noted that it would be about \$5000 to get the Master Plan going and they could budget chapters yearly if needed. And, that if it the money was approved at town meeting, a new plan could be up to date by July.

2. Lou also discussed that the updates to the in law apartments should be ready to be presented at town meeting in March. The Planning Board is also going to start reviewing the town's building codes.

3. Bud asked about a date to clean out the old salt shed. Lou said early November and mentioned that a dumpster will be needed.

New Business:

1. The Board reviewed and signed a Timber Tax warrant.

2. The Board reviewed and signed the MS-1 for the DRA.

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

4. The Board reviewed and signed orders.

8:20 Move to Adjourn. (Nate, Lou)

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Jarvis