

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2018
12:00 pm

Members Present: Suzanne Collins and Raymond Gorman

Others Present: Sharon Penney (Town Manager) and Melanie Mathieu

Raymond Gorman called the meeting to order at 12: 17 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion: Sue Collins made a motion to approve the minutes of November 26th,2018.

Roll Call Vote: Sue Collins "aye", Raymond Gorman "aye". All in favor.

Motion: Sue Collins made a motion to approve the minutes of December 10th, 2018 with two (2) corrections.

Roll Call Vote: Sue Collins "aye", Raymond Gorman "aye". All in favor.

Early Dismissal for Christmas Eve: Sue stated that her feeling on this is if you let them leave early and not pay it's not really a gift. Sue is in favor of paying for the early 2-hour dismissal for those who can leave. Sharon said that no one will be getting extra time, for those that can leave at 2 will be paid their normal shift whether it being 3:00 pm for Highway Department or 4:00 pm for the office staff.

Motion: Sue Collins made a motion to support the Town Manager's recommendation to allow non-essential Town employees to leave by 2:00 pm Christmas Eve and be compensated for those hours not to exceed 2 hours. Raymond Gorman seconded it.

Roll Call Vote: Sue Collins "aye", Raymond Gorman "aye". All in favor.

Town Website: Discussion ensued on who oversees sending items to Roxanne Herres to be uploaded to the Town's website. Melanie stated that all of us when needed send the items to Roxanne to be uploaded. Sheila Beauchemin had mentioned to Sharon that she was still willing to help with the Town's website if she has permission to do so.

Motion: Sue Collins made a motion to allow Sheila Beauchemin, Deputy Town Clerk to work on keeping the Town's Website up to date. Raymond Gorman seconded it.

Roll Call Vote: Sue Collins "aye", Raymond Gorman "aye". All in favor.

Fire Bill for Town Cruiser Accident: Discussion ensued on the fire bill for the cruiser accident and the protocol for reimbursement from the insurance company. Raymond Gorman questioned if the accident was either our fault or the other person. Sharon stated that it was kind of a no-fault accident. Sue stated that Primex will take care of determining fault and who pays. Melanie stated that she will submit the bill to Karen at Primex to receive reimbursement from the insurance for the Town paying the fire bill.

Crane and Bell Engagement Letter: Discussion ensued on the engagement letter for Crane and Bell for 2019. Sue stated that she thinks that Sharon should be authorized to sign this letter.

Motion: *Sue Collins made a motion to have Sharon Penney sign the engagement letter of 2019 with Crane and Bell. Raymond Gorman seconded it.*

Roll Call Vote: *Sue Collins "aye", Raymond Gorman "aye". All in favor.*

Solid Waste Ordinance: Discussion ensued on the haulers around the area. Any commercial hauler is not allowed in the transfer station. Sharon questioned how the haulers are getting away with this since 2017. Sue stated that we adopted a new ordinance because it wasn't clear back then. Melanie stated that the new hauler just has a pickup truck but is picking up for different towns on certain days. Sharon stated that she was unaware of the ordinance at the time and allowed the new hauler in the transfer station for that day. Sue stated that some of the elderly people can not take their own garbage and are willing to pay others to pick up their trash and that she thinks that should be fine as long as it is Colebrook's garbage. Sharon stated how to do we implement this ordinance because it's subject to interpretation to a certain extent. Sharon also stated that there is a larger problem which it is this fact of people hauling, whether they are 1099 contractors, or they are commercial haulers that are registered with the state. Sharon stated that at some point do we need to look at them and say everybody is going to owe us \$ 500.00 a year flat fee? How do we handle this? Sharon believes that there is gray area here. Raymond Gorman thinks that the ordinance is clear. Sue questioned what it would entail to be registered with the State of NH? Sharon said that she didn't think much. Sue stated that we need to tighten up the ordinance and investigate the pricing for the Transfer Station.

***** **The Board entered a Budget Work Session for the 2019 budget*******

Sue made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Raymond Gorman seconded it.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Melanie Mathieu