Wentworth Select Board  
December 3, 2019

Select Board Present: Francis Muzzey and Palmer Koelb

Call to Order:  
Chairperson Francis Muzzey called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

- Board discussed bill by Drummond-Woodson Law Firm.
  
  o Motion. F. Muzzey made a motion to pay a portion of the Drummond-Woodson bill in the amount of $1267.76. P. Koelb seconded the motion. Both voted yes. Motion carried.

- Via telephone: Donna Duncan from Winnipesaukee Drug Consortium gave the Board an overview of Federal Regulations for drivers (ie. CDL, Medical Card and other Fed Govt Requirements).
  
  o Motion. F. Muzzey made a motion to continue working with Winnipesaukee Drug Consortium. P. Koelb seconded the motion. Both voted yes. Motion carried.

- Dan Bowne from Rumtown Speedway presented the Board with their 2020 Calendar of Events and asked for the Board’s approval of the dates. He said that some dates may change but did not want to wait until next spring to bring the schedule to the Board. D. Bowne informed the Board that he had spoken to the owners of Pine Haven Campground (abutters) and they were fine with the dates. F. Muzzey said that as long as the campground is okay and both parties agree, he is fine with it and has no objections pending approval from Fire Chief.
  
  o Motion. P. Koelb made a motion to accept the schedule as long as Chief Ames is in agreement and said that if there are any objections, the Board can re-discuss. F. Muzzey seconded the motion. Both voted yes. Motion carried.

- Administrative Matters.
  
  o The Board reviewed and signed administrative paperwork.

- Public Comments.
  
  o Janice Thompson spoke on the use of Magnesium Chloride and the Town’s contract for the purchase of it with the Select Board.

- Police Department.
  
  o Chief Trott presented a proposal to the Board for the purchase of equipment with monies from his current budget.
Motion. P. Koelb made a motion to accept Chief Trott’s proposal. F. Muzzey seconded the motion. Both voted yes. Motion carried.

- Trustees of the Trust Fund
  - Linda Franz announced that the Trustees will be meeting next Wednesday, December 11th at 1pm.

- Treasurer/Bookkeeper
  - Linda Franz discussed the Board need to release Andrew Gove’s deposit of $2,000 that the Town held back in bond for the cutting in Plummer Forest. Jordan King informed L. Franz that they never used landing, which was the property of the State. The State did not give permission for its use. The Town paid approximately $4,000 to actually build another landing on the Town’s land, so the Town does not need a release from the State at all since they never even granted permission in the first place. Therefore, if the Town goes to the State asking for the release of the bond it is going to cause a lot of confusion since they never approved it in the first place. A discussion ensued, but no motion was made.

  - L. Franz followed up on the Select Board’s previous request that she look into the $31,400 payment made earlier in the year for the Bridge Fund and whether the Town could give that money back to the Trustees. They cannot. It needs a Warrant Article at the next meeting.

  - L. Franz spoke about an unsigned check for Webster Memorial Library and explained the need for it to be signed. She also informed the Board that a letter was sent to the library about the need for someone to sign off on their hours. F. Muzzey re-emphasized that the Board is not the one who decides whether the library employees get paid or not, but the Library Trustees are the ones who decide. Kay Bailey explained that the original request came from Chris Bassingthwaite. A discussion ensued about the responsibility of the Trustees’ overseeing how the expenditure and approval of funds.

  - L. Franz provided the Board with an update about the Town’s internet services.

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- F. Muzzey mentioned the importance of updating the Personnel Policy Handbook because he read an article in a newspaper about a superintendent requesting compensation time because it was in their policy handbook and the associated costs. A discussion took place about the meaning of comp time and people shared their work experiences with regard to comp time. L. Franz offered to help the Select Board and Administrative Assistant in updating the handbook. The Board discussed their availability and decided to meet the following Monday, December 9th to review the handbook.
The Board needs to schedule budget meetings and said the best time period is between 5pm and 6pm on Tuesday evenings. The Administrative Assistant made a note in the calendar for who would be briefing and at what times.

- L. Franz asked the Board about a bill for the Town Insurance (Primex).
- G. Morrill spoke about the ambulance service and provided the Board with some options to consider.
- F. Muzzey spoke about the need to work on the 2020 Warrant Articles.

Motion. P. Koelb made a motion to adjourn at 7:21 pm. F. Muzzey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Tanya Vela
Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

Approved by Selectmen on 2/18/2020.

Chairperson, Francis Muzzey
Board Member, Palmer Koelb
Board Member, Omer C. Ahern, Jr.