

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Summary  
December 21, 2016

*In attendance:* Select Board – Wesley Daniel, Tom Johnston, Berkley Linscott; Town Clerk/Treasurer – Ann Dean; Public – Janet Martucci, Donald Grinnell, Phil Meunier, Lynn Carroll, Brian Alves, David Martucci, Linda Luce, Mildred Melgard, Stanley Millay

Wesley Daniel called the meeting to order at 7:09PM.

Tom Johnston moved to accept the summary from 12/14/2016 as written, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Tom Johnston moved to pay the warrants as presented \$6,535.32/payroll, \$5,337.98/vender, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Public Works Report – Plowed and sanded, did service work, had the loader serviced on 12/15. Tom Johnston moved to accept the Public Works Reports as read, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

CEO Report – None

Town Clerk/Treasurer Report – Ann Dean reported that she attended a Fred Prior class in Augusta. Ann sent an email to receive a refund for the class. Deane Brewer was in today to reconcile the checkbook. The Union Selectmen signed the excise agreement, the accounts will be set up in TRIO. Ann is working on town report.

Stanley Millay, Assessor was in attendance to explain and answer any questions regarding the adjustments in the land pricing schedule. The way it has been done in the past is abutting parcels, under the same ownership with different deeds we were assessing/taxing them as one parcel as though they were on one deed. This was a common practice with many towns. The courts have said that can't be because we are basically making them a different value than if they were under someone else's ownership; everyone needs to be treated the same way. We need to make an adjustment for those that are not getting base lot adjustment in parcels that abut them but under separate deed. Stanley will send the information to any landowner that will be affected. They will have the opportunity to combine them on one deed or not. Stanley gave the Selectmen a new land pricing schedule. Donald Grinnell asked about wood lots being taxed separately. Stanley stated they are already assessed/taxed separately but in the case of road frontage ones and on a separate deed would be assessed/taxed with a base lot rate which sets up an equal situation under the constitution. This will take place in 2017. Brian Alves asked about the Farm & Forest District and purchased a contiguous property that has been grandfathered in as far as setback, is the lot still grandfathered in and will still be able to be built on? Stanley suggested to talk to the CEO and check the ordinances. Wesley Daniel moved to vote on the land schedule so Stanley Millay can get started changing it over, Tom Johnston seconded, all in favor.

Brian Alves explained the new protocols for Local Health Officers. Wesley Daniel stated that some of the protocols he may not have to assist with, depending on the situation. Brian gave the Selectmen a letter he wrote regarding a possible rabies exposure to a town resident. A veterinarian believed a gentleman in town needed to go to the emergency department to be treated for rabies because of the potential for a bat that bit a cat in the house that eventually bit and scratch an individual in the house. It was deemed by the CDC that the probability was low and they would take control of it from that point on. Brian also spoke with Andy Dinsmore, Animal Control Officer who did go over to this person's house and all seems copasetic. If necessary Brian said, he would follow-up.

Tom Johnston moved to sign 3 two-year appointments for Ann Dean, Registrar of Voters; Mary Anderson, Deputy Registrar of Voters; Denise Hylton, Deputy Registrar of Voters, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

#### Questions and Comments

David Martucci gave Sandra Patrick's resume to the Selectmen. The Selectmen agreed that Sandra would be the secretary of the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Wesley Daniel stated we have received the petition from New Hope for Woman, the Washington Scholarship Committee, and Gibbs Library.

Donald Grinnell asked if all social services agency need petitions. Wesley Daniel said yes with at least 25 signatures, if they are not directly related to the town. They should be received by mid-January. The Food Bank will be notified to send in a petition.

Budget Committee meeting scheduled for January 19 at 7PM.

Ann Dean stated she put the Approved Knox County Budget on the website.

Janet Martucci asked if the Scribner Fund is still active. Wesley Daniel stated it is for EMT training.

Wesley Daniel adjourned the meeting at 7:42PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson