

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Summary  
November 16, 2016

*In attendance:* Select Board – Wesley Daniel, Tom Johnston, Berkley Linscott; CEO – Bob Temple; Town Clerk/Treasurer – Ann Dean; Public – Kathleen Ocean, Kit Lascoutx, Beth Connor

Wesley Daniel called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Tom Johnston moved to accept the summary from 11/02/2016 as written, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Tom Johnston moved to pay the warrants as presented \$5,473.19/payroll, \$140,054.88/vender (includes the school payment), \$4,176.00/vendor – Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Public Works Report –10/31 – 11/3 fluid filmed P200, did shoulder work on Young's Hill Road, took P300 for inspection, two members had vacation days. 11/6 – 11/12 put the head gear on the trucks, worked on the grizzly, put tires on P300 and got that ready for fluid film. Tom Johnston moved to accept the Public Works Report as read, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

CEO Report – Bob Temple stated he checked the ordinance which states there can't be more than 50 tires on a property. Bob will send a letter to the landowner to remove the tires. Bob made copies of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance showing the changes made from DEP that the Planning Board will review at their December meeting. He is also working on a small subdivision coming up on Mountain Road. Tina Hall is requesting a creation for a non-conforming lot for a family member which the ordinance allows to happen. When the money for the inspection of Sitework Stone pit is paid, the name change will be put on the Planning Board agenda. Wesley Daniel asked if the Sukeforth pit is complying with agreement? Bob said they have a little time and he will continue to check on the progress. Bob checked the property across the street and will keep an eye on it.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Report – Ann Dean reported that the elections went very smoothly due to the training that we did ahead of time. The Ballot Clerks did an excellent job. The EMPG grant money came in today. Ann will go to a GIS training on 12/7. We are ready for the election recount.

Kathleen Ocean and Beth Connor, representing Gibbs Library, attended the meeting to request general support in the amount of \$15,000. Beth explained that technology is much more in demand, Maddy Kelly will be moving away (volunteer librarian) and losing Leann was a huge loss to the library. We now pay someone to manage the library. The number one thing that the money will be used for is to pay the library employee. The Board needs to figure out how to combine librarian and manager. Tom Johnston asked if the library is incorporated with a set of by-laws and a Board of Directors. It is. Kathy Ocean stated they are asking for general support because for twenty-three years they have kept the library open completely volunteer run until a year ago, they hired someone to manage the volunteers. Tom stated that he'll find out, through

legal resources, if a librarian was hired would they be working for the town and if the money would have to be run through the town warrant. Kathy stated that to be designated as a public library we have to have someone designated as a librarian; we have always had a volunteer librarian. Tom asked if the librarian needs to be qualified. Kathy said the person would need to meet the Boards qualifications, not necessarily have a library science degree. Beth stated that it would be like any other organization asking for general support. The library does not belong to the town nor is it affiliated with the town but it is the town library. Kathy explained the library gives back a lot to the community through current books, audio, programs, and they do not ask anybody for an entrance fee. This would help keep the library doors open. Kit Laxcoux asked if this money would go towards the librarian's salary. Beth said, most probably yes as well as technology. Kathy stated the money they are requesting along with fundraising money will go towards the employee(s) salary. The library constantly has their hands out for a lot of different purposes and it's harder and harder because the dollars are shrinking. There are many organizations, in our community, asking for donations. The library continues to have the mission of keeping the doors open, free to the public, with free programs. We ask for donations but we don't charge for anything. We also try to stay very current with our literature and technology. Beth stated an email went out to all non-profits in the town to ask if anyone is interested in the chairs from the Bryant room that will be replaced with new ones through a grant. Tom will call MMA to find out what the legalities are regarding their request and get back to both Kathy and Beth.

Wesley Daniel asked the other Selectmen if they would be interested in attending the General Assistance Winter Issues Workshop, through MMA, Friday, December 9, 2016. Ann Dean will send in the registration for Wesley Daniel, Tom Johnston, and Berkley Linscott to attend.

The Selectmen signed the 60-day letter for one 2014 auto foreclosure.

Wesley Daniel will contact Peter Drum to attend the December 7 Selectmen's meeting to discuss, in executive session, the Consent Decree between the Town of Washington and Berkley & Nancy Linscott.

Wesley Daniel, for the Board, will sign the Engagement letter from the auditor, William H. Brewer.

Wesley Daniel and Ann Dean will attend the special meeting of the County Commission and the County's Legislative Delegates on Thursday, 12/1/16 at 6PM to introduce everyone the newly elected delegates, discuss legislative priorities and give the municipalities a forum.

#### Questions and Comments

Wesley Daniel will ask Donald Grinnell to attend, with him, Wreaths Across America on December 11 at 3PM.

Wesley Daniel stated that the generator battery has been replaced and will be serviced next Tuesday by Hammond Tractor.

Wesley Daniel stated Saturday, December 10 at 11am there will be a dedication and open house at the Reggie Upham Community Warming Center, Mount Olivet Lodge No. 203, 44 Liberty Road. The notice will be put on the town website calendar.

Kit Lascoutx stated the Comprehensive Plan Committee Survey will be mailed on Monday. Ann Dean will give Kit all the information needed to do the bulk mailing. He has 185 people listed in the 'Town Post' with a goal of 550 people by March with three major lists; all town residents, emergency notification, and volunteer. People can get phone calls, emails and/or texts. This will prove to be a very powerful tool for the town in terms of giving notice.

Kathleen Ocean confirmed that the new Selectmen's meeting schedule is the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and if there are 5 weeks in a month the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> week are skipped.

Tom Johnston spoke with the road crew about their chipper (manually side fed from the ditch). He talked with Union Farm and Hammond Tractor regarding upgrading to a chipper with a power feed from the back. They would take the old chipper for trade. Tom suggested taking the cost out of Road Maintenance in December if there is enough, approximately \$12,000. Wesley Daniel stated that if it goes to town meeting he suggested it come out of surplus so it won't be impacted in the budget. Tom stated that if we have a special town meeting for something else that we include this request. To be discussed next month.

Wesley Daniel adjourned the meeting at 7:52PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson