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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES December 10, 2018 6:00 PM

PRESENT:

Janet Kidder, Selectman
G. William Helm Jr., Selectman
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

John Lewis, New London Resident
Phyllis Piotrow, Budget Committee member

Selectman Kidder called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District Contract Renewal

The Board reviewed the agreement for solid waste disposal, noting the amount for the contract is the same as the last contract and will last for five years.

IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the renewal of the agreement. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Request for abatement of interest on late payment of taxes

The Board reviewed a letter from a taxpayer seeking an abatement of interest for late payment of taxes; the taxpayer explained that he had always been timely in the past and has even paid taxes in advance. Selectman Helm stated that special exceptions cannot be made for individual taxpayers and many have asked in the past and have been denied. Selectman Kidder suggested that Kim Hallquist write a letter to explain this. Ms. Hallquist noted that starting in January, taxpayers can sign up to get reminders of their tax bills.

IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to deny the request for abatement of interest. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Town Administrators Report

Ms. Hallquist provided the following report:

- The employee holiday luncheon held on Friday, December 7, 2018 went very well, the employees who attended enjoyed the time to socialize with each other.

Committee Meetings & Reports

Planning Board - Selectman Kidder attended the Planning Board meeting on December 4, 2018. There was a lot merger and storm water management erosion plan discussions. Continuum postponed their Senior Living Facility presentation until the next meeting.

The Crimi Holdings subdivision on Soo Nipi Park Road was approved.

Bob Brown, Chair of the Conservation Commission attended this meeting. He presented a Wildlife Improvement Plan as well as the two warrant articles that the Conservation Commission would like to see included on the Warrant for Town Meeting: (1) 50/50 split for forestry harvest profit and, (2) the land acquisition fund contribution request. The Planning Board expressed their support for the Wildlife Improvement plan as well as the 50/50 split for the forestry harvest funds to be shared with the Conservation Commission but took no action regarding the land acquisition fund contribution.

Recreation Commission – Selectman Kidder attended the Recreation Department meeting on December 5, 2018.

- The skating rink has been installed but here have been problems because the ground is not frozen yet.
- They decided to request a “donation only” for the skate/snowshoe rentals.
- Scott Blewitt is working with Colby-Sawyer College about using the Morris trail for cross country skiing, snowshoeing and hiking.
- The Rec Dept is offering an after-school program one day a week for 12 students. It offers hiking, sledding and outdoor activities. There is a need for more after school programs, but staffing is an issue.
- Scott Blewitt is working with Colby-Sawyer College on Winter Carnival which will be held February 7-9, 2019. He noted that it has been wonderful working with the Colby Sawyer staff and they are very helpful.
- The Board will review the bylaws in January and the two areas of focus will be attendance at meetings and budget preparation. Justin Garzia was elected Chair.

Budget Committee

Ms. Hallquist reported that at the recent Budget Committee meeting on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 the Budget Committee held off on discussing the addition of a Town Clerk office fulltime position and this will be revisited at the next meeting. The Budget Committee voted to put the \$500 back in for payment to the Chair of the Trustee of the Trust Funds and reduced professional planning services by \$5,000 due to the feeling that there will be less projects in FY2020 than what we have had in FY2019.

Upcoming Meetings & Special Events

- Next Regular Selectmen’s Meeting – Monday, December 17th – 6 PM
- Planning Board – Tuesday, December 11th – 6:30 PM
- Budget Committee – Wednesday, December 12th - 7 PM
- Conservation Commission – Wednesday, December 19th – 8:30 AM
- **Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25th – Town Offices CLOSED**
- Joint New London/Sunapee Sewer Commission – Thursday, December 27th @ Sunapee Town Offices, 23 Edgemont Rd.

Other Business

Selectman Helm suggested closing the office on December 24, 2018 noting that typically the office closes early on Christmas Eve. All agreed that given that it falls on a Monday, it makes more sense to close it for the whole day given that it falls on. Ms. Hallquist will send out a notification to Department Heads to arrange for their staff.

Items to be signed

- Accounts Payable Voucher
- Payroll Authorization Voucher
- Veteran Credits

Applications Approved &/or Denied

Building Permits

- Andrew & Connie McElwee, 1026 Lakeshore Drive, TM 064-010-000. Demo deck, replace with stone patio. BP 18-113 APPROVED
- Edward & Jacqueline Jewell

IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to adjourn. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson, Recording Secretary
Town of New London