

MINUTES *approved minutes*

Board of Selectmen Meeting: February 17, 2020

Present: Frank Emig, Jim Jennison, Scott Sanchas, Mark McIntire, Kathy Kathan, Earl Kathan, Glenn Elsesser, Jim Fein, Brenda Melius, Conan Cook, Betty and Henry Sipple, Tim Perry, Lorraine Dion, Tanya and Steven Holt, Cory and Brian St. Pierre, Betty and Gordon Gowen, Mike Aron, Mary Hildreth, Jennifer Bland, Sarah and Rob Vogle, Joe LeVesque, Sue Metsack, Jim Neidert, Claudia Istel, John Streeter, Robin and John Luther

Charlestown withdrawal information session: FE introduced Jim Fein, CEO of FMRSD and Sara Vogel, Acworth's School Board representative, who explained Article 11 of the School District warrant to be voted on by ballot in the polls on Town Meeting Day, March 10. If passed the article would allow Charlestown to leave the District resulting in substantially higher taxes in all 5 District towns and less educational opportunity for students. JF explained passage of the article would require both a majority of voters in Charlestown and in the other District towns combined. If the article passes in Charlestown and fails in the other towns a second vote could be requested. During questions and discussion it was noted the article has support of a small and vocal group in Charlestown who cite an interest in local control despite the fact they would lose any control of high schoolers in their community who would have to be tuitioned out as Charlestown does not have a high school. It was also noted that the District's original Articles of Agreement would need to be updated if Charlestown withdraws and that future capital expenditures would have to be borne by the remaining 4 member towns only. All were encouraged to vote.

Open meeting: FE opened the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting at 7:50PM

Approve minutes: BOS meeting February 3: Motion JJ/FE to approve, passed.

Sign bill manifest: Motion JJ/FE to approve, passed.

Sign payroll manifest: Motion JJ/FE to approve, passed.

Recognition of Visitors/Public Input: None

Highway Department Report:

1. Work update/plan: EK noted ongoing sanding and plowing and completion of garage security system and insulation.
2. Winter weather policy review postponed for full board March 2.

Transfer Station Report: Operations normal.

ConCom Report: February 12 meeting noted member openings to be addressed after Town Meeting.

PB Report: Next meeting February 24.

Action items:

1. Building permits: LeBlanc porch, Hill Road: Motion JJ/FE to approve, passed.
2. Intents to Cut: None.
3. Pistol permit: Motion JJ/FE to accept Chief Connors recommendation to approve, passed.
4. Compliance: Relihan: In progress.
5. 2020 Warrant: Motion JJ/FE to sign for posting.

Discussion: None

Other items:

1. Nonpublic: None.
2. Next meeting: March 2; Town Meeting 7PM March 10, polls open 10AM-7PM.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15PM; Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt.