

Selectmen's Meeting
February 4, 2016
Thursday, 2:30 p.m.

The meeting opened at 2:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen Glenn Dochtermann, George Donovan and John Sylvester. Also present was Joyce Wood, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes of the January 26, 2016 Selectmen's meeting were read. It was moved and seconded to approve as written. All voted in favor.

It was reported that the meeting with Attorney Morin has been moved to Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. It was also reported that Attorney Morin asked the Board if they would like to have a Don Gerrish, Consultant, on speaker phone for that conversation. After discussion, it was agreed to not have Mr. Gerrish on the phone.

Chris Caswell, Park and Recreation Chairman, presented his 2016 budget request. He first explained a separate article on an Irrigation System for the fields at the park to amount to \$11,077.50. Many questions were asked and discussed. He then requested a Park and Recreation Budget of \$18,177, an increase of \$1,401 due to a request for a lawn tractor to replace the mowing service at the park. Mr. Caswell explained that this would pay for itself and save approximately \$26,953.88 over a six year timeframe which includes the cost of the mower. This budget request was discussed with many questions asked.

Mr. Caswell then reported on the concession stand that is in the process of being replaced, mainly, he said, by donations of materials and labor. He said that around \$30,000 worth of time and material has been donated. In order to complete the project, he said that he would like to have donation from a mason to put up the concrete wall. This was discussed.

After discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve and sign the appointment of Dean Currier, as a member to the Park & Recreation Committee. All voted in favor.

The 2016/2017 Animal Welfare Agreement was reviewed. Motion was made by John Sylvester to approve and sign the agreement for the Animal Shelter services. George Donovan seconded and all voted in favor. Mr. Dochtermann, Chairman, signed the agreement in duplicate.

The Town Clerk's end of month report was read.

The February 3, 2016 Planning Board meeting agenda was read.

The Code Enforcement Officer's end of month report was read.

After reviewing the Massabesic Lions annual Youth Recognition notice, all were in agreement to give consideration to who may be a good applicant deserving of this award.

The end of month fire and rescue calls information was reviewed and discussed.

Jon Lord, Road Commissioner, met with the Board. He reported on salt use thus far in February. He used 353 yards of salt on twenty-four and a half trips which means 720.4 lbs. of salt per lane mile.

Next Mr. Lord presented and reviewed his requests for 2016 the road budgets. Overall, he said, the roads budgets were up by 10.8 %. Year Round Road Maintenance request was up by \$5,000 from last year. Paving/Paving Prep up by \$70,000 and he would like to do at least 2 miles of road this year.

Stockpile at \$105,000 and Highway Safety at \$10,000 were both the same as last year. These were all discussed in further detail.

Next discussed was the proposed three year contract for snow plowing. Mr. Lord made a recommendation that his current contract be extended to another 2 years and then a new contract would coincide with the election of a new Road Commissioner. This was discussed.

Mr. Lord then reported that a resident on Depot Street has called him and said that the road in front of his driveway has collapsed. Mr. Lord reported that he looked at it and has found that it is the site of the work done by Gorham Sand and Gravel for the Alfred Water District this past fall. He also reported that he has been in touch with the Water District and that they are, through their Engineer, taking care of this complaint. He will keep the Board informed. He then reported on a reoccurring washout in front of the library which, he said, he has contacted the Alfred D.O.T. garage about and they told him they would take care of this.

Mr. Lord discussed the posting of roads stating that, if the warmer temperatures continue, he would post them as there is no frost in the ground. The Board agreed with him.

The 2016 DOT Local Roads Center lottery information for the Radar Speed Trailer Loan Program was read. The Selectmen agreed to apply for the opportunity to use the speed trailer.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting agenda for the February 4, 2016 was read. Mr. Sylvester reported that the York County Shelter has been invited in to discuss any future plans.

The Board discussed the proposed two new ordinances for Town Meeting Warrant to add two new Committees, the Design Review Committee and the Economic Development Committee. The Attorney's advice on whether or not to bring these for approval by Town Meeting before the new Comprehensive Plan is approved was not to do so. It was moved and seconded to not bring these to the March Town Meeting. All voted in favor.

The Board agreed to postpone the reading of a memo from John Sylvester concerning matters in regards to the 2016 budget until next week.

John Sylvester reported that, after attending the last Budget Committee meeting, he is under the impression that some members of the Budget Committee feel they should make recommendations on where articles on the warrant should be funded from.

A request from Donna Pirone, General Assistance Director, to revise her request for the 2016 budget down to \$7,000.00 was discussed. It was moved and seconded to agree with the request and change the request for the General Assistance 2016 budget to \$7,000.00. All voted in favor.

George Donovan said that he understands that the State Police and County Sheriff will be setting up a Drug Awareness program soon.

Heidi Sampson, met with the Board to discuss her desire to run for the House of Representatives during the next election in the fall. She spoke about her reasons for wanting to run and asked the Board for any questions. Further discussion followed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.