



Selectmen's Meeting Summary January 21, 2015

Selectman Ken Ross-Raymond, Chair	Present
Selectman Joe Schmidl	Present
Selectman Pete Ballou	Absent
Town Administrator Margaret Warren	Present
Administrative Assistant Kathie Downes	Present

Visitors: see sign in sheet attached with original summary on file.

Chairman Ross-Raymond called meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- Review and Approve Minutes of last meeting – January 7, 2015.

Selectman Schmidl moved to accept the summary as written, Selectman Ross-Raymond seconded. Vote in favor.

- Review Accounts Payable & Payroll registers. **Select board moved and accepted.**

Department Heads:

Fire Chief MacDuffie – monthly update

- Stats: 2 chimney fires; 2 water problems; 4 EMS calls; 1 CO call; 3 mutual aid fires; and 1 fire alarm.
- Four from the department have started the EMT class and one in fire fighter I class.
- April Rollins started as secretary last Friday.
- TA Warren and Chief MacDuffie working on getting paperwork completed for fueling at DOT state sheds. Chief noted that if they need fuel when Crossroads Store is open they will use that facility – at least while costs are down.
- Discussion re: location of key for alarm panel for access. Chief has only Master Key (for department) that opens all outside doors at the Safety Building.
- General discussion re: procedure that needs to be followed when bonding is necessary with a warrant article – Chief and TA Warren will work on these issues to be prepared for 2016 Town Meeting.
- Lock Boxes for Academy Hall and Town Hall are ready to be installed at the buildings. Selectman Ross-Raymond will take care of installing and Chief MacDuffie will then take care of putting in the keys.

Old Business:

- Review – 2015 Warrant Articles: Discussion re: three articles which budget committee lowered the appropriation amounts. Both Selectmen Ross-Raymond and Schmidl feel their original appropriations should remain the same. This will reflect a difference in the total budget figures between Selectmen and Budget Committee.
- Final review of 2015 Proposed Budget Figures: Everything looking good with only difference being totals of WA #3 - Selectmen recommending \$35,000 and Budget Committee recommending \$25,000; WA #4 - Selectmen recommending \$22,000 and Budget Committee recommending \$15,000 and WA #5 - Selectmen recommending \$15,000 and Budget Committee recommending \$10,000. Selectmen Budget is up \$85,500 from last year offset by \$37,800 – difference of \$47,700 and Budget Committee budget is up by \$63,560 from last

year offset by \$37,800 – difference of \$25,760. Warrant Articles are the contributing factors for this year's increase.

- Assessing Contract: Jeff Earls, Cross Country in to discuss renewing contract. One year was signed last year – after general discussion it was agreed to go with a three year contract at the same rates as in last contract. **Select board moved and accepted.** Additional discussion re: working on call as needed verse set days per year. Board noted that TA Warren will work with Cross Country to ensure we get what is needed.
- Reminder - Shared Services –Joint Towns Meeting – Thursday, January 22nd at Webster. Agenda items include: Education Warrant Article update, Emergency Management help, performance evaluation procedures, and how to set up proper salary schedules for town employees.
- FYI – Upcoming Meetings
 - 1/27– MVSD Budget Public Hearing – 7 PM – MVHS
 - 1/28 – Conservation Commission – 7 PM - AH
 - 2/9 – Public Hearing - Budget Committee– 7 PM – AH –
 - Planning Board – public hearing 2/2 – major/minor home occupation before town meeting.
- Water Testing for Academy Hall – shows not good for consumption. General discussion re: water quality at other town buildings. TA Warren will look into getting water cooler and bottles of water for Safety Building and Town Hall.
- Conservation Commission and Recreation Committee have position terms ending this year. These positions are appointed by BOS and will be posted in March. Committee Chair will check with those whose terms are coming up re: interest in remaining on the committee/commission.

New Business:

- Reminder: Declaration for Candidacy for Elected positions for 2015 Town Meeting is from 1/21 – 1/30/15.
- Broadcasting Discussion: Received email from Oscar Gala Grano re: North Road broadband access status. Selectmen noted that in his email he suggests a warrant article to allocate part of unanticipated revenue for broadband access in North Road area. Board agree that this is not something they feel they can recommend as it applies to only 20 families and does not serve a large portion of town. There are people who cannot get the TDS access in certain areas of town as well. If Mr. Grano wants to do a petition article – TA Warren and Board would be willing to help him with this. Deadline for petition articles however is February 3rd. Since Mr. Grano did not make the meeting tonight as he had indicated in his email – TA Warren will respond to his email. At this time the Board feels they have tried several avenues with little success regarding getting broadband access to the North Road area.
- Hazard Mitigation Committee Quarterly Meetings – TA Warren will need to set up committee and schedule after town meeting. Selectman Schmidl asked about having this group meet during a regular BOS meeting quarterly.
- Selectman Schmidl noted he is still trying to catch up with David Lewis – CLD to get data for landfill closure. TA Warren reported Mr. Lewis called her and she had the information Selectman Schmidl needs.
- AA Downes reported that the draft 2014 Town Report is three quarters complete – and has a folder which is on her desk that she suggests they review at their convenience.

Public Comments:

- Sandy Miller: Mentioned that Robin Heins from MVSD called her re East Andover Church interest in locking into early oil contract because price is down. She also asked about town's interest. TA Warren will follow up with Robin Heins.

Correspondence:

- Letters express our thanks re: HB 176 in reference to the Merrimack River flood control compact that affects our town to Rep. Karrick, Rep. Ratski and Senator Hosmer signed by BOS.

Other: All business that shall legally come before the Board

Non-Public Session: (as necessary)

Selectman Schmidl moved to adjourn at 7:20 PM; Selectman Ross-Raymond seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathie Downes

Administrative Assistant

Meeting Summary reviewed and accepted at the February 4th, 2015 Meeting.

Selectmen, Town of Salisbury