

## **Select Board Minutes: January 5, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Donald Burke. Present were Select Board members Marlene Libby, Scott Wiley and Donald Burke. Also Road Commissioner Curtis Starrett, Jacob Boyington, Lorie Costigan, and Jen Pendleton.

Minutes of December 22, 2015 were accepted as corrected.

### **Road Commissioner:**

**Winter Maintenance Contractor Jacob Boyington was in to address concerns about the December 29<sup>th</sup> ice/snow storm.**

Starrett will fix potholes on Peabody Road as soon as a gravel pit re-opens, hopefully by next week.

Starrett has installed a drainpipe at the intersection of West Appleton Road and Rte 131, which should alleviate the ice issue.

The figure in the December 15<sup>th</sup> minutes stating that Union's public works budget was only \$65,000 more than Appleton's did not include Union's paving, making Union's budget approximately double Appleton's.

### **Select Board:**

Burke reported that an inspection of the closed landfill by the DEP indicated that a small pine tree needs to be removed and an area of sparse ground cover needs to be looked into.

A discussion of whether or not Assessors' Agent Rob Duplisea needs to hold office hours in January led to further discussion of collecting personal property taxes. A letter to all delinquent personal property taxpayers was agreed upon as well as a letter to taxpayers for declaring their personal property in the spring.

Warrants # 53, 54 & 55 were signed.

Personnel Policies and job descriptions from Lincolnville, Searsmont & Union were made available by Wiley for further discussion.

Burke reminded the Board the need to address vacancies in Town committees soon. Also, that everything was all set for the upcoming Special Town Meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Libby questioned if article 4 for a 3-year assessing contract is approved, could we put a 1-year contract out to bid. Burke said he thought so.

Wiley said he had completed a FOI request made by Attorney Riley Fenner for all abatements granted by the Board going back to 2006 and that an invoice for copies & labor totaling \$383 would be sent.

A motion was made by Wiley and seconded by Burke to go into executive session to discuss a Personnel issue. A motion was made by Wiley and seconded by Burke to go out of executive session.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

D. Burke