

## **Select Board Minutes**

### **December 1, 2015**

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 present were Webmaster Peter Beckett, Lorie Costigan, and Fred Brown.

Minutes of November 24, 2015 were accepted as corrected.

#### **Road Commissioner:**

Select Board Member Scott Wiley brought up the offer by Union's Highway Supervisor Orrin Parker to plow and sand the section of Rte 131 from the Union Town Line to the intersection of Rte 105, as that will be a snowplow turnaround for their trucks. After a discussion of whether or not the agreement should be in writing, whether or not Jacob Boyington would be still be getting paid for that section and whether or not the existing turnaround on Valerie Gushee's land was adequate, it was suggested by Wiley to 'leave it alone.' Road Commissioner Curtis Starrett reported that the only beaver dam still causing trouble is on Barker Flat in West Appleton. The stop sign at Gushee's corner was reported to be on the ground. Starrett checked out a previous complaint on a culvert on Sennebec Road and found there was no culvert there.

#### **Select Board:**

Draft articles for a special town meeting tentatively set for January 12, 2016 were worked on, but not completed.

The Board voted to give the office staff Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> off as an *employee appreciation day*.

The denial of abatements for T. Michael Gushee for personal property taxes in the amount of \$683.83 for tax years 2009 through 2014 was reversed. A motion was

made by Select Board Member Marlene Libby and seconded by Wiley to abate personal property taxes assessed to T. Michael Gushee in the amount of \$683.83 for tax years 2009 through 2014 as being uncollectable. Vote 2-0.

Burke said that if the Town did not assess personal property, the mill rate for 2015 would have been .01955 instead of .01945.

The Board tabled any discussion into Assistant Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector/Registrar of Voters Becky Hughes' hours to determine if funds are available for her holiday/sick time hours to match her workday hours, per her request.

An email offering to connect students to volunteer opportunities was received from Community Opportunities Near Camden Hills and read to the Board. Local organizations can request volunteers.

The dates for Budget Committee meetings for the 2016/17 budget were set for 7:00 PM, April 7, 2016 for the municipal budget, and 7:00 PM, April 14<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> for the school budgets.

The purchase of a new fireproof file cabinet for assessing records listing for \$989 was discussed, subject to the availability of funds in this year's budget. Burke recommended that the underpinning in the office be checked before being set in place.

Wiley informed the board that committee members on the website should be updated.

On a motion by Burke and seconded by Libby, (voted 3-0) the Board went into executive session to a personnel issue.

On a motion by Burke and seconded by Libby, (voted 3-0) the Board went out of executive session.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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