



Selectmen Meeting 8/28/2018  
Approved Minutes

**Present:** Selectmen Bernie O'Grady, Louise Lavoie, Charles Moser; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley; members of the public.

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bernie at 7:31 PM.

**Approvals:**

- Noted that accounts payable and payroll manifests were signed.
- Minutes of 8/14/2018 were reviewed. Charlie motioned, second from Louise, to approve as written. 3 votes to approve the minutes of 8/14/2018 as written. Minutes of the 8/21/2018 staff meeting were also reviewed. Louise motioned, second from Bernie to approve as written. 3 votes to approve the minutes of 8/21/2018 as written.
- DRA form MS-1, Summary Inventory of Valuation, had been prepared by the Assessor and AA Kathy Wile. The MS-1 is used in setting the tax rate later in the year.
- It was reviewed by selectmen, and signed by all selectmen as well.
- There was a request from a former employee to surrender the life insurance policy held by the town in their name. This is the last former employee to request transfer of their policy. Signed by selectmen as requested.

**New Business:**

- Jeff Partridge, Mason EMS Dept, came forward asking Dave Morrison and Kevin Maxwell to come forward as well. He noted that they, along with former highway department employee John Clark, had been first on the scene of a home accident and had likely saved the life of the person involved. Jeff said he and the department are grateful for their help and selfless action to allow a very positive outcome, and presented them with plaques of appreciation.
- Appointment papers for Bob Laroche to the Forestry Committee were on the agenda. Bernie said that, as it stands, the committee is full, but should a certain member who has not been able to attend recent meetings wanted to step down, there would be room for another person. Harry Spear, chair of the committee, said he will speak with the existing member, see what he would like to do, and report back.
- The BOS had been approached with a request to purchase surplus equipment, the pump from the old surface well at the HD. As it was the last well of its type used by the Town, there is no longer a need for it. Bernie motioned, with a second from Louise, to sell the pump to Wally Brown, and there were 3 votes to sell the pump.
- BOS had received from New Hampshire Municipal Association information regarding their legislative policy conference on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. There was an opportunity to appoint a delegate to vote for the Town's position on the policy proposals to be voted on. None of the selectmen are able to attend the conference.
- Mason Energy Commission had sent information regarding receiving input on HVAC system design for the new HD building. Bernie reported he had been in contact with Russell

Hunt at Eversource, who would provide – at their cost – a mechanical engineer who would review costs/benefits of our proposed system, as well as his suggested system, and put together RFP's for both. Eversource would pick up 75% of the cost of the more efficient system. All selectmen agreed it was a great recommendation, and that Bernie will follow up with Doug Waitt, the engineer. Bob Bergeron offered that the energy group was also looking into systems.

- Conservation Commission chair Bob Larochelle and member Barbara Devore introduced Matthew Robinson-Liu, resident of Cascade Rd, for position of Alternate Member of the CC. He has attended many of their meetings over the past months and is eager to help. Appointment papers were signed by selectmen, and he was sworn in by Town Clerk Deb Morrison.
- Louise said she had spoken with the property owners on Brookline Rd regarding the advertised Moose Fest last Saturday. She said they were very apologetic, saying they were not aware another individual had offered the interview to the Ledger-Transcript, who had published the article without checking with them. They explained they had used Eventbrite responses to calculate food amounts, but they had intended the day to be a private birthday celebration, and concerned over whatever fine may have been incurred. Noting there had been no complaints filed about the day, that the BOS office had not been open on Friday for conversation with the owners, and they were caught unawares, Charlie motioned, Second from Bernie, to take no further action on the matter. 3 votes to take no further action on the matter.

### **Old Business:**

- HD building update from Bob Bergeron. Framing done completely, large doors arriving Sept 6<sup>th</sup> to be installed. After that, the electrician will be coming in. Meanwhile, the gas company will be coming to extend service/piping from the old section into the new section of the building. Charlie and Louise both said they had been down to visit and progress was good. Louise said she has close to 400 pictures from Bob and would like to go through them with someone to choose some for printing to make a book available for Town Meeting next year.
- Tax Collector Deb Morrison had a deed waiver to discuss, the second eligible property had paid the amount for 2015 and no longer qualified for deeding. She reported that she has not heard from the owner, who last year paid at the last minute, but that she had heard from the mortgagee, a private party, who she believes would pay the amount due to avoid losing the property. Given those two pieces of information, selectmen did not sign the waiver at this point, and will hope the taxes are paid by the deadline next week.

### **Informational Items/Communication:**

#### **Public Forum:**

- Barbara Devore announced the Conservation Commission will continue celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> with 3 planned events:
  - a walk at the Florence Roberts Forest on Saturday, Sept 8 2018 at 10:00 AM.
  - Rail Trail Rededication on Sat Oct 13 at 2:00 PM
  - Natural Resource Inventory Update and Conservation Plan presented at the Planning Board meeting tentatively scheduled for Oct 31, 2018 at 7:00PM

Louise said she is planning a celebration of volunteers past and present with an ice cream social, and would schedule that for Oct 13, after the Rail Trail Rededication, to be held behind the Mann House at 3:00. She is making a list of volunteers over the last few decades and will be contacting them.

**Non-Public:**

**Adjourned:**

There being no other business, Bernie motioned, second from Charlie to adjourn. Three votes to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be **Monday Sept 10, 2018** at 7:30 at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Wile  
Administrative Assistant