



Selectmen Meeting 3/11/2019
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Charles Moser, Louise Lavoie acting chair; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley, Dave Morrison; member of the public Bob Bergeron.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Louise at 7:38 PM.

Approvals:

- Noted that accounts payable and payroll manifests were signed.
- Minutes of 2/26/2018 meeting had been reviewed. Louise motioned, second from Charlie, to approve the minutes as written. Both voted to approve minutes of 2/26/2019 as written.
- Assessor had generated letters to 3 landowners regarding requested changes in current use status. All letters were signed by both selectmen.

New Business:

- Road Agent Dave Morrison was attending to review quotes for planned roadwork for 2019. He began by saying the grader was back, is in good condition, and he is hoping to put it to work as roads soften this week. Repairs were slightly under the estimated amount as well. Discussion centered around cost projections (for paved roads work) being so close to the total amount available in that part of the budget, and concern for how to cover any overage. Louise had prepared spreadsheets showing costs for each section of work proposed, and also mentioned that she had worked with a nodal map identifying sections of each road, which are dirt, paved, town vs state owned, and class V or VI. Decided to get a large sized print of the map for both HD and BOS office for reference purposes. Dave had little concern about going over cost, as things had been clearly identified in the quotes – distances and roads would not change. He believes the only variables might be the amount of ledge found on Greenville Rd, perhaps requiring a second day for the equipment. The price of asphalt was somewhat dependent on oil prices after a certain percent of increase. Selectmen agreed that Greenville Rd work was the priority, that Abbott Hill and Mitchell Hill Rd reclaiming should be done at the same time, and that the shim/overlay work on Mitchell Hill on the north side of Abbott Hill could offer enough of a variable to cover overages if needed. Looking ahead to 2020, Louise suggested that, after Town Meeting, selectmen and road agent look at work ahead to complete the road overhaul plan, using 2019 prices as an estimate, and then look forward into developing a long range maintenance plan so that none of the paved roads fall into disrepair again. Plans and costs for gravel roads are a separate discussion. Louise and Charlie decided to discuss dividing the warrant for reading at Town Meeting while they are at the election tomorrow.

Old Business:

- Energy Commission had emailed asking to open an account for them, in order to deposit donations received to cover the cost of a membership with Clean Energy NH. Charlie explained that commission was started as advisory only, with no authority to spend money and no funding from the town budget. Donations given to the commission for the membership fee amount would be absorbed into the general fund, but could not be expended on behalf of the commission. It was suggested an individual could take a membership, and next year the commission could request the necessary funding/authority for the 2020 budget year.

Informational Items/Communication:

- A monitoring report of 2017 cyclical inspections was received from DRA. It noted 2 points of data disagreement with assessments as recorded by the town's assessor. Overall, selectmen were pleased with Granite Hill Municipal Services' work.
- Town had been notified by DRA that the Equalization ration was in process, and the sales ration was determined to be 85.9%. Final rate TBD.

Public Forum:

Non-Public:

- **Adjourned:** There being no further business, Charlie motioned to adjourn, second from Louise. Two votes to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday March 26, 2019 at the Mann House at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant