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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 10/09/2018

Town of Antrim–Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Little Town Hall
October 09, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Select Board Chair Robert Edwards in the Little Town Hall.

Members Present: Michael Genest, Robert Edwards, John Robertson

Staff Present: Donna Hanson, Town Administrator; Jim Plourde, Road Agent

Agenda Items:

- Mr. Edwards opened the public hearing to discuss the expenditure of funds from the bridge capital reserve fund for Elm Street Extension and Craig Road Bridge. Ms. Hanson read the public notice that was posted at the Town Hall, Post Office Town Website and the Monadnock Ledger Transcript on September 27, 2018. Mr. Plourde explained the necessity for the extra funds required due to the increased cost of steel and the price of fuel. The overage for Elm Street was \$10,194.00 which includes a temporary bridge to allow the resident to cross while the bridge is replaced. Mr. Genest felt that since the increase was minimal that we could take it out of the current budget instead of capital reserves. He said the capital reserves should be saved for emergencies on existing bridges which is also the purpose of that fund. Mr. Genest stated, with that said, I move to withdraw this money from the capital reserves. Mr. Edwards felt that capital improvements for bridges is better coming from capital reserves which is the primary purpose of the fund and with all the pressure on the Highway Operating account from recent weather events, , he was concerned with overburdening the account. Mr. Robertson seconded. Passed 3/0
- Mr. Robertson moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Genest seconded. Passed 3/0
- Mr. Genest moved to approve the minutes of September 24, 2019. Ms. Hanson said that #3 in the minutes should state that Mr. Genest moved to go forward with an absolute auction. Absolute was not in the original minutes. Mr. Genest moved to approve the Minutes of September 24, 2018 as amended. Mr. Robertson seconded. Passed 3/0
- Mr. Genest moved to approve the Non-Public Minutes of September 24, 2018. Mr. Robertson seconded. Passed 3/0
- The All Veterans Tax credit was approved contingent upon receiving a copy of the DD-214 confirming an honorable discharge. A copy was submitted which makes the application complete.
- Mr. Robertson attended the Planning Board meeting. He said they approved a vision statement for the Master Plan in August. The Chairman announced at the last meeting that she will appoint a committee to revisit the vision statement. Mr. Robertson also stated that the Planning Board agreed to a flat budget.
- Mr. Robertson also attended the SAC meeting. The letter to the State Representatives regarding school funding was discussed. Mr. Robertson stated that he saw in the Monadnock Ledger that the school board has decided not to pursue the consolidation of schools. Mr. Edwards said he attended the last school board meeting and they agreed to evaluate the “Fall Mountain Plan” which permits towns that want to keep their schools to contribute to the funding. Mr. Edwards stated that the plan is very complex.

- The Agreement from St. Jean Auctioneers confirming the terms and conditions for auctioning off certain previously identified tax deeded property was signed. Their proposed auction date is December 1, 2018 and the properties will be auctioned from the town hall location.
- Ms. Hanson will review the Hawthorne Academy education exemption with Town Attorney.
- Mr. Edwards attended the Water and Sewer meeting. He said they are anxious to get the As-Built plans on Highland Ave/Pleasant Street project from Holden Engineering for their asset management. Mr. Holden has not gotten back to them. Ms. Hanson sent another email today requesting the information needed.
- Mr. Edwards reported that a resident on a Class VI road thought the road was private when it was not. Mr. Edwards asked if the Town should post "Class VI road- OHRV use prohibited on all Class VI roads. Mr. Robertson said he didn't think the town has ever put up signs stating it is a class VI road unless it was "summer maintained." Mr. Genest stated that there are too many Class VI roads to post all of them and it wouldn't be fair to post some and not all. Ms. Hanson will ask Chief Lester if OHRV are a problem on Class VI roads. Mr. Edwards noted that he promised that the Town would respond to her regarding signage noting the resident's road is a Class VI designated road.
- The Select Board approved to assent to Counsel for the Public's request to have Brattle Group come in and assess the financial capabilities of Antrim Level LLC and also have the petitioners bear the cost.
- Mr. Robertson said he spoke to Cemetery Trustee, Mr. Bill Bryk regarding the Trustee's lack of attendance at meetings. Ms. Hanson will follow up with the Trustees.
- Mr. Genest moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Mr. Robertson seconded. Passed 3/0

Respectfully submitted, Donna Hanson, Town Administrator