



TOWN OF DEERING

Board of Selectmen

762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244

Meeting Minutes November 1, 2017

Selectmen present: Allen Belouin, Sharon Fife, Aaron Gill.

The meeting was called to order at 1900.

MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting Minutes – October 18th.

Ms. Fife made the motion to approve the public and non-public meeting minutes of October 18th. Mr. Belouin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

New Business

Genara Clay – Community Service Proposals

Ms. Clay addressed the Board about the possibility of making a free pantry accessible to all town residents. She cited statistics about food insecurity noting that those most affected are children. Ms. Clay described a little free pantry as something free standing and similar in design to the way mailboxes are grouped together outside mobile home parks. There was general discussion about appropriate site locations, traffic related safety issues, and worry about animals. The idea of a community garden also was discussed. While there is conservation land stewarded by SPNHF and the PLC that can be made available, proximity to water and nearness to a road were obstacles. Board members offered contact information for individuals and groups who might provide both direction and assistance with Ms. Clay's service proposals. Ms. Fife complimented Ms. Clay's passion and desire to get involved and to make a difference in the Deering community. Other Board members echoed the comments of Ms. Fife.

Review - Generator Service Agreement

The Board reviewed the agreement. Mr. Belouin suggested a few changes. Namely, initial maintenance should include replacing the air filter, spark plugs, and battery. Otherwise the agreement was satisfactory. The TA agreed to contact Power Up Generator Service.

Review - Health Trust Insurance Rates

The TA explained that the current health plan will no longer be available July 1st. The Rx portion of the health insurance plans available after July 1st, 2018 will see higher deductibles. Given a better than average year for claims within the risk pool to which the town is assigned combined with higher deductible amounts actually make the cost of the new plans less than the current plan.

Planning Board Alternate Appointment – Bob Carter

Mr. Belouin made the motion to appoint Bob Carter to a three-year term as an alternate member to the Planning Board. Ms. Fife seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Highway Budget Review

The Board noted that the overall Highway & Streets budget decreased by \$8,300, or -1.2%. The membership discussed the efficacy of maintaining the mechanic position in the department. Given that the larger more complex repairs requiring specialized machines and electronic diagnostics are sent out already, and that smaller repairs including fluid changes are currently performed by all highway staff for all town vehicles as it is, the Board agreed to continue the conversation with the budget advisory committee.

TO BE REVIEWED AND/OR SIGNED:

- Employee Payroll	<u>October 25th</u> \$13,851.11
- Employee Payroll	<u>November 1st</u> \$21,161.96
- AP Manifest	\$318,373.41
- Abatement 206-015-064	\$7.00
- Intent to Cut	225-002-000

Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

Mr. Belouin made the motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss a personnel issue. Ms. Fife seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The Board entered non-public session at 2025.

The Board reconvened in public session at 2120.

There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Belouin made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Fife seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at 21:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

\s\ Russell McAllister
Town Administrator

Please Sign IN

Genara Clay

John Pianta Jr

John Shaw

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