

ATTENDING: Ruth Adams, Teri Anderson, Bob Axelsen, Emil Braley, Pete Childs, Franz Jongerden, Bonnie Lord Laughlin, Tammy Ramsdell, Chairperson.

Absent: Doug Hubbard, Calvin Lewis.

A quorum was present.

Attending from the Town: Selectmen Ray Cullen, Darryl Hubbard, Bruce Rozett, Selectmen's Assistant /Bookkeeper Roxanne Herrick

Tammy convened the meeting at 7:09PM and invited all present to salute the flag. Tammy read the Minutes of the Saturday meeting Jan. 25, 2014: Emil moved to accept, Teri seconded, and all voted to accept.

Income and Expenditures reports through Week #10, 03/06/2014:

Tammy led a discussion of these reports as handed out by Roxanne at the beginning of the meeting. Topics included:

1. LD1: why is there no mention of it in the Town Report. Bruce said LD1 still exists; it limits how much you can increase expenditures without an explicit vote of the taxpayers. This year the town expenditures are less than last year's so it doesn't apply.
2. We will be borrowing again to meet expenses before the first tax bills go out.
3. Monthly Budget Expenditures report: Fireworks under Leisure Services has not been entered yet as a budget line item but will be.
4. Selectmen said we have spent \$33,000 more to date on snow and ice this year compared with last year because of the extra plowing this year due to storms.
5. Used plow truck that we are buying from Westbrook: Darryl said we haven't gotten it from Westbrook yet. We have paid the \$30,000 down payment but there is no firm date at which time they will give us the truck.

New Rescue Truck

Is now in service. The old one is in the parking lot at this time and will go out to bid.

School Costs 2014-215

Bruce said an increase of 3.2% for schools has been built into the 2014 budget.

Compactor at the Transfer Station

Darryl said the bidding for this is on hold; it has been hard to get people to bid on it.

Proposed Maintenance Building

Darryl referred to the fact that the transfer of funds for the building failed in referendum on Feb. 28, 2014. He said the area will still be graded. He clarified that \$15,000 was spent for engineering costs. The building has not been taken to the Planning Board yet. Discussion about whether the public knew a lot about the building. Darryl said only 300 voters turned out to vote. Ray said he hasn't given up on the building. Bruce said it was bogus that the townspeople didn't know about the project: that the project was talked about at a selectmen's meeting before the selectmen had any

conversations about any engineering. Tammy said the only public hearing about the project was February 6 (2014) and that the Shopping Guide ad for that meeting was so vague people didn't know what the purpose of the meeting was. She said had the ad been more explicit more people would have come to the meeting. Darryl said some people in town voted no on the project for no particular reason. Emil said it would be good to find out what the people really want about the building; perhaps a committee could get ideas from the townspeople first and then present the ideas to the selectmen. Darryl said you shouldn't have to sell this project to the town. The project should have been funded. Tammy said pro's and con's about the building should be done and offered to the taxpayers. Darryl said the trees are going to be taken down anyway on the site because "the storm water permit is the hardest thing to get" and that permit was obtained.

Willard Boothby

Mr. Boothby, attending as a member of the public, was recognized. He said we need a discussion on the building and we need to get the people out. People will show some interest if you can get them out. It doesn't help the project when you spend over \$15,000 for the building before you have had discussions with the public. Darryl said it isn't between "we and you." Willard said that speaking for himself he would like to have cost estimates. He said the maintenance building will not just be a garage: there will be other costs associated with it, such as staffing and the town should be informed about all of those. Darryl said the intent of the garage is to be a place to move the vehicles for simple maintenance. Darryl said he thought the project went the right way: to first get plans done that show what the building will look like and how much it will cost, which is around \$150,000. Darryl said it's a lot of work to bring something to this point and then have it voted down when the building is a necessity. Willard clarified that it doesn't help when you spend that kind of money on engineering before the public knows what they are getting. "Give the people something to look at before you tell them you want them to vote on it."

Francis Small Heritage Trust case

Bob asked for an update on the legal case. Selectmen said that briefs have been filed by the Francis Small Heritage Trust and the Maine Coast Heritage Trust and Limington's brief has to be filed by March 19. No court date set yet.

Smoke Detectors

Ray urged people to check their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. The Fire Department has had tragic and costly fires to deal with this winter.

ADJOURNMENT: Emil moved, Pete seconded to adjourn at 8:39 PM. Vote 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Lord Laughlin, Secretary