

SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOTES

JANUARY 16, 2019

Called to Order 6:00 pm

Present: Selectmen: Melissa Spinney, Ed Pentaleri, Doug Baston. Members of the Public: Carrie Kipfer, Ralph Hilton, Greg Shute, Tom McKenzie. Clerk: Liz Brown

Public Comment: None

New Business:

IT update

Selectman Spinney met with an IT person from Burgess. The fire department has experienced a lot of dropped calls. The IT person from Burgess found that there were issues with the bridge from the town office to the fire department. Selectman Spinney said she thought that we should not have the bridge when we move to the new building and that we should drop GWI as our service provider, the calls keep dropping. Also we should maybe drop the fax line and do internet fax.

The selectmen all agreed that separating the fire department's and the town office's internet is a good idea, as well as getting rid of the bridge. The consensus for new service was Tidewater Telcom.

Selectman Baston also will call ConnectME about the timing of the next internet grant for the town.

Old Business:

New Town Office Update

Ralph Hilton gave the update. He said they have the report from the state Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) inspection and the inspector was on board with everything we have in place or have planned. CMP came and inspected the meter box. Possibly the line crew will come and hook things up next week.

The electrician did most of the outlets in the basement. The flooring will be in on Saturday and Ralph will pick it up. The basement will be insulated and strapped tomorrow. Specs are needed for the fireproof room.

Selectman Baston said that he got the new fireproof metal doors for the vault off Craigslist for less than half the retail price. He went to Portland and picked them up from a private seller.

RSU #12 Presentation

The selectmen decided that Tuesday, March 12th would be the best time for the superintendent to present the budget. They will have the selectmen meeting that night instead of Wednesday, March 13th.

Other

Clerk Liz Brown mentioned the idea of displaying art by townspeople in the new town office. Carrie Kipfer said she would be willing to help with that.

Ralph Hilton said that Maranda Nemeth from the Atlantic Salmon Federation stopped by. She has Dwight Harrington for doing the catwalk and spent time with Chris Cooper marking out shrubs. This is in line with our request that they favor local contractors for subcontract work on the dam.

Selectman Pentaleri talked about a data hub and municipal data and exporting data out of the CAMA database for a University of Maine pilot project.

Ralph Hilton, wearing his RSU board representative hat, said he was trying to get the state to fund more of the school lunch and breakfast programs.

Selectman Baston has asked the sheriff for information about a model alarm ordinance. He has not received a reply back yet.

Public Comment:

Greg Shute said there was a tree still hanging down that needs to be cleaned up by the dam. Selectman Spinney said she would contact the road commissioner.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.