

SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOTES

JANUARY 30, 2019

Called to Order 6:00 pm

Present: Selectmen: Ed Pentaleri, Doug Baston (Melissa Spinney absent). Members of the Public: Ralph Hilton, Greg Shute, Tom McKenzie, Maria Jeness, Anne Simpson. Press: Jessica Clifford Clerk: Liz Brown

Public Comment: None

New Business:

Plowing Contract—Possible contract extension for reduced rate

This discussion was postponed until the next meeting as Selectman Spinney was absent.

Proposed False Alarm Ordinance

Selectman Baston represented Alna on the County Budget Advisory Committee last fall. When the sheriff made his presentation, the Committee learned that about 10% of the time of the patrol deputies is consumed responding to burglar alarms, and 100% of the time those were false alarms. There has been no actual robbery or other criminal event captured by an alarm system Sheriff Brackett's memory as sheriff. In response, Selectman Baston is working with Chief Deputy Maker to develop up a model ordinance that all Lincoln County towns could adopt which would assess penalties for repeated false alarms from the same house or business. As it is now, no one - not the alarm companies or the users - are responsible for faulty systems that trigger these alarms. faulty systems. If such an ordinance was in place, that 10% of wasted patrol time could be devoted to more productive work. And remember, the costs of the sheriff's office come out of local property taxes in every town. If it is ready, he would like to see it on the March warrant. The Sheriff would provide enforcement, so there is no downside to us. He has also discussed this with several selectmen from surrounding towns, and they all think it is a good idea as well.

Community Garden/Food Pantry

Selectmen Spinney has been talking to the Recreation Committee about this, but discussion was postponed until she can be present with details.

Other

Selectman Baston said that Chris Kenoyer is working on the Food Sovereignty Ordinance petition. He provided Chris with a model ordinance to go by that he got from MMA.

Selectman Baston also said that Darcie Hutchins is taking a course in grant writing and needed a grant to work on and he talked to her about a potential US Department of Agriculture tree planting grant that the selectmen were already mulling over for the new town office lot. He will work with her on it.

Old Business:

New Town Office Update

Ralph Hilton said the new town office now has electricity. They also turned the heat on. The frost is now starting to come out of the building.

They also have a new volunteer. Coleen Trask is going to do all the drywall taping for the fireproof vault. After that the second layer of sheetrock can be installed. The plumber has about a half day's work left and then should be done. The mechanical room is almost done. Ralph has a copy of the Fire Marshal's requirements for the vault, and it will be built to these specs.

The basement outside doors need to be installed but will wait until the frost goes out. The concrete man from Dunning Concrete will come on Saturday to look at stress cracks in the floor and talk about what can be done.

Carrie Kipfer sent pictures of chairs that are available from the courthouse. There are 13 of them. The selectmen thought they would be good to have for the meeting room area.

Change in Date for RSU #12 Budget Presentation

The date for the RSU #12 Budget Presentation has been changed from the 12th of March to Wednesday, March 13 at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Alna Fire Station.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.