

SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOTES

FEBRUARY 27, 2019

Called to Order 6:00 pm

Present: Selectmen: Melissa Spinney, Ed Pentaleri, Doug Baston Members of the Public: Roger Whitney, Mike Trask, Tom McKenzie, Cathy Johnson, Ralph Hilton, Maria Jenness, Betty Kane, Anne Simpson, Jeff Spinney, John Carroll. Press: Jessica Clifford Clerk: Liz Brown

Public Comment: None

New Business:

Mike Trask—Fire Department Budget

It should be a little less than last year. The life insurance policy is more as the fire department is just that much older. The Accidental Death and Dismemberment is a 3-year price. The forestry grant is new and applied for. It's their half of the grant. They will get radios and a portable pump. Call pay dropped 50% as there were 43 calls this year versus 67 calls last year.

Selectman Baston moved to accept and Selectman Spinney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Roger Whitney will formalize the fire department budget for the town report and send it to the clerk tomorrow.

Cemetery Trustees

Mike Trask said the cemetery trustees need to raise another \$10,000 to add on to the interior roads in the cemetery.

Selectman Baston moved to accept and Selectman Spinney seconded the motion for \$10,000 for the continued road expansion in the cemetery. Motion passed.

Abatement Request from Betty Kane

Betty Kane came in to speak to the selectmen about her property taxes. The selectmen explained the abatement process and why the mil rate changes from year to year. Betty Kane decided she would contact John O'Donnell for an informal meeting.

John Carroll—CMP Corridor

CMP again explained their position, and the selectmen again restated theirs: until net environmental benefits can be demonstrated by an independent and objective study, they remain opposed to the project. Selectman Baston repeated that his experience in the energy business had showed him two things: (1) CMP is one of the most backward utilities in the

Northeast, perhaps anywhere east of the Mississippi; and (2) they can not be trusted; their word is not good.

Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:13 p.m.