

SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOTES

JANUARY 8, 2020

Called to Order 6:00 pm

Present: Selectmen: Melissa Spinney, Doug Baston (Greg Shute absent); Members of the Public: Ed Pentaleri, Jeff Spinney; Press: Jessica Clifford; Clerk: Liz Brown

Public Comment: None.

New Business:

Plowing Contract—Request for Proposals

Selectmen would like to put out the Plowing Contract for bid by the first of February. They will have plowing committee members Calvin Cooper and Butch Brown look at the draft RFP before putting it out. We may change the deadline to provide a list of equipment to be used from 60 days to 90-120 days, if successful bidder needs more time to acquire more equipment.

Old Business:

Food Pantry Update

Selectman Spinney met with the Whitefield Food Pantry and Good Shepherd. Whitefield agreed to be the sponsoring entity for the food pantry but then Good Shepherd later clarified that they would require all funds to go through the Whitefield Food Pantry as well, and Whitefield would be fiscally accountable. We can't do that. Either the town will have to establish our own 501(C)(3) or find another local 501(C)(3) sponsor. Selectman Spinney will forward the email from Good Shepherd to Selectman Baston to see if he can figure out a work-around.

Miscellaneous

Community Energy Fund: Selectman Baston explained that two anonymous citizens had put up \$500 as a challenge to match other citizen donations to the Community Energy Fund of Lincoln County, to be earmarked for Alna residents in need. He explained that he turns to the Fund several times each winter for fuel for Alna residents and they have been very responsive and have never questioned our judgment as to need. This is a way of helping them spread their reach. The selectmen ask that any donation checks be made out to "Community Energy Fund of Lincoln County" and sent to or dropped off with Liz. He said there had been a substantial number of donations to date, but we still want to reach the full \$1,000. The challenge runs until January 31st.

Selectman Baston will be sitting down with the Wiscasset Town Manager tomorrow to reopen discussion about the Transfer Station cost allocation between Wiscasset, Alna, and Westport.

Three people have expressed interest in the planning board vacancy. However, all three have written letters either for or against a pending planning board issue so the vacancy will not be filled until that issue is resolved.

Selectman Baston and Selectman Shute will be meeting with WW&F Railroad on Saturday at 10 a.m. to discuss leasing new archive space to the railroad in the town office basement.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:25 p.m.