

Board of Selectmen
Minutes

Date: September 21, 2016

Members Present: Janet Flinkstrom, Mike McCallum and Mark Haines

Time: 7:08 p.m.

Pipeline Update: Discussion re: Expression of Solidarity against pipeline being constructed across Indian tribal lands in western states: Cathy Kristofferson

Cathy explained what the construction of a pipeline would mean to the residents of that area of North Dakota. This is another pipeline being installed against the will of the people in North Dakota. She has done a resolution and provided a copy of the document to the BOS. Resolution was read out loud.

- 2) Motion to adopt the Expression of Solidarity with the Indigenous Resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan
Cathy will make copies and mail to the Tribe.

- 3) Selectmen approve minutes of September 7, 2016 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

- 4) Warrant #W17-06P FY17 approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$58,665.53 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Kevin Stetson, Chairman of Finance Committee: Concerned about the Fire Department spending on repairs. MH said he had a tour of Fire Station & they have done a lot of improvements. KS said FinCom has also been invited for a tour & will be going & asking the Fire Chief about repairs.

- 5) Warrant #W17-06 FY17 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$43,574.26 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Discussion: Tax Title and Foreclosed properties (continued): All Selectmen have met individually with Kate Stacy, Treasurer. Discussion continued on recommendations for the resolution of properties. Question asked about the fire pond located on Page Road at one of the properties and who would be liable if someone fell in. Board member will check with FD.

MH asked about liability on Town land if there was a drowning or accident. MM states there is no liability to the Town as long as we are not charging for use of the land.

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Selectmen discuss and call for Special Town meeting on 10/22/16 to address PILOT program for new solar installation: MM spoke to what this program entails and how it will work and how the Town will be paid in lieu of taxes. LW asked about the monetary value to the Town. She is also concerned about hazardous waste that she had heard about in regards to the panels. Assured there was no such thing. Kevin Stetson asked about agreement and whether it will be written up before town meeting. MM answer is yes. KS did not find the agenda on the website and why is this Town Meeting all of a sudden being rushed through. He didn't know it was being brought up tonight until Monday when he got an Email. MM explained the reason. LW asked what the classification is for this land. She feels the BOS need to be cautious of this agreement.

- 6) Selectmen call a Special Town Meeting to be held on 10/22/16 for PILOT program for solar installation and any other appropriate business. Warrant closes at noon on September 27, 2016 if there are any other warrant articles that want to be submitted.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Discussion and adoption re: Policy for Remote participation in meetings of Town boards and committees: MM explains what this policy entails and what the law requires is done and if it is to become lawful in Town a policy needs to be adopted by the Selectmen.

- 7) Selectmen adopt policy for remote participation in meetings for Town Boards and Committees.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman: None

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Read by: MM and available on Ashby website.

Public Comments (if any):

MH announced deadline for participation the current ESREC program. MM made comment on how the solar power panels work and what the monetary benefit is to the resident.

Information on Pumpkin Festival was announced.

Marty's Driving Range is proposing an outdoor concert area in Mason NH. A gentleman from Mason brought a map which shows what the noise range could be and how he thinks it will affect Ashby; it is still in the planning stages. His reason for coming was to make the BOS aware of what was happening.

- 8) Motion to Adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____