

BOARD OF SELECTMEN –October 9, 2018 MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Nick Lukiwsky.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was made.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2018, special meeting. One correction was noted on the 2nd line of the last paragraph of the first page: the word “concerned” should be “concern”.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to approve the following tax refunds:

\$ 242.63	David A. Orloski	refund
\$ 30.48	John P. or Catherine Jones	refund

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the General Government budget actuals through September 30, 2018, and did not note any issues of concern for the first three months of fiscal year expenditures. The total expenses are right in line with expectations since some expenses are paid quarterly and some are paid in full at the beginning of the fiscal year.

MOTION: A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to authorize Don Stein to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the 41 municipalities who comprise the local workforce development area under the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, as designated by the Governor. The Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board is appointed by the Executive Committee and Officers of the consortium that implements the WIOA, and conducts programs that are intended to benefit residents in the region by providing a variety of programs to help people find jobs or improve their skills for obtaining work. A side letter was included at the request of the Town Attorney to stipulate that any liability to the Town was related to federal grant funds that might be misused. Such liability would be proportional to the usage of their services by the Town’s residents, which consist of 90 residents in the past 12 months or 3.9% of the total clients served. The services provided to individuals by the NRWIB are free of charge and funded primarily by the Federal and State governments or private contributions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech and passed unanimously, to appoint Jim Hafford to an alternate position on the Inland Wetlands Commission for a term from October 9, 2018 through December 31, 2020. The term that he is filling expires on 12/31/18, so it made sense to appoint him for the additional 2 years, rather than waiting until December of this year.

DISCUSSION:

- Don Stein informed the Selectmen that he had reached out to Servpro, based on the discussion at the last meeting regarding whether JP Maguire was the best option for emergency/remediation services for the Town. The Servpro franchise in Farmington will set up a meeting with Don Stein to discuss their services to help in the decision as to which organization the Town should consider using in an emergency situation. There will be further discussion on this topic as more information becomes available.
- Don Stein informed the Selectmen that a representative from The Office Works had proposed a trade-in on the two Town Hall copiers and a 5-year contract to lease two copier/scanner/fax machines (color capability upstairs and black-and-white downstairs). The cost of this lease would be approximately the same as the Town pays for toner and services on its copiers and printers. The Town Hall would then eliminate all of the individual printers, many of which are getting old and unreliable. We will also look at whether Canon has a proposal that would be attractive and work to figure out where to locate the equipment. Once the competitors have a chance to provide quotes, there will be a recommendation made as to whether to proceed or not.
- Don Stein informed the Selectmen that he had met with the District Director from DOT regarding making East River Road one-way north between the two Peoples State Forest Parking areas and making it a “no-through truck” road. This can be done with the permission of the State Traffic Authority and will involve writing them a letter, getting approval and then working with the maintenance people to determine how best to accomplish what needs to be done. This would also involve a public meeting and agreement on any needed maintenance, signage or pavement marking. The Resident Trooper and the Farmington River Coordinating Committee River Manager both agree this is a good idea, and the Selectmen thought it had merit.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47PM on a motion by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman