



TOWN OF SCOTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Mar 27, 2019

7:00 PM

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by First Selectman Daniel Syme. Members present were Clare D'Appollonio and Rod Perry. Also present was assessor Kara Fishman, Treasurer Cheryl Miller, Fire Chief Jason Beaumont, members of the public, and Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant.

II. Additions to Agenda: None

III. Audience for Citizens: None

IV. Approval of Minutes: Clare D'Appollonio moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 Regular Meeting. Rod Perry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business:

a) Assessor Request: Kara Fishman informed the board the assessor's office needs to perform a conversion of the current programming services for CAMA real estate, and presented the board of selectmen with pricing and support options available. After a discussion of the options available, the selectmen recommended budgeting \$7,250 in the 19-20 budget request and discuss specific programming requirements with Brian Hathaway, IT support coordinator.

b) IT upgrades: First Selectman Syme has discussed current IT needs for the town with Mr. Hathaway. Mr. Hathaway recommended a new switch box to upgrade the technology hardware needs at the town hall. The treasurer recommended using funds from the current town hall CNR account to fund the upgrade, to accomplish this task within this fiscal year. **Rod Perry moved to use town CNR funds not to exceed \$3,281.80 for the switch box IT upgrade. Clare D'Appollonio seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

c) Appointment of Auditor: The selectmen are satisfied with the current auditors, and Ms. Miller is prepared to move forward with this year's audit. The current firm is proposing a two-year proposal for auditing services, with no increase in fees for the first year, and an increase of \$250 the second year. **Clare D'Appollonio moved to appoint Mahoney Sabol for the 2019 and 2020 audit. Rod Perry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

d) SVFD Personnel Appointment: Fire Chief Jason Beaumont discussed the current needs of the ambulance service, the staffing shortage that will occur due to the temporary absence of some staff, and the scheduling work associated with this program. **Rod Perry moved to authorize the SVFD to conduct interviews and recommend to the Board of Selectmen 3 additional staff members. Clare D'Appollonio seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

Clare D'Appollonio moved to appoint Jason Beaumont as scheduling coordinator at \$15/hour for 4/hours per week retroactive to Oct. 1, 2018. Rod Perry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

e) Treasurer's Report: Ms. Miller reported collections from state aid are still occurring, and additional revenue should be realized in April and May. She is also recommending reductions in interest payments from back taxes since collections are occurring in a more timely fashion, and back taxes will not be as high next year. The selectmen will hold noon-time meetings during April to finalize the 19-20 budget proposal for the public hearing and town meeting.

VII. First Selectman's Report:

First Selectman Syme shared the following at this meeting:

- The town is moving forward with Green Skies for the installation of solar panels on the Public Safety Complex;
- The town will hold a public hearing on May 1st in the community room of the public safety complex to present the budget proposal for next fiscal year. The public hearing for RD11 will be Tuesday, April 2 at Parish Hill at 6:30 PM;
- The town held a neighborhood crimewatch meeting on Tuesday, March 26. Trooper Bruce Taylor is the new liaison from CSP. We hope to have another meeting during the summer months to discuss concerns;
- The tax collector submitted her letter of resignation to the First Selectman Tuesday. She will leave the town April 15th. **Clare D'Appollonio moved to appoint Chelsea Allard interim tax collector. Rod Perry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

VIII. Second Audience for Citizens: None

Clare D'Appollonio moved to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Rod Perry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Administrative Assistant