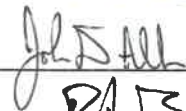


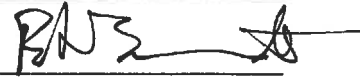
Robert Thompson



John Allen



Richard Bennett



**Selectmen's Meeting
January 9, 2018**

Present: Chairman Bob Thompson, Dick Bennett, John Allen

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

Visitors: Sarah Clemons, Bea Davis, Kevin Bennett, Joyce Allan, Betsey Harding, Tom Greig, Margie Furlong, Town Administrator Julie Atwell, videographer Hank Benesh

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Selectmen's Meeting – November 30, 2017 ; Motion made Selectman Bennett to approve, seconded by Bob Thompson to approve minutes as written. Motion approved unanimously.**
- b. **Selectmen's Meeting – December 14, 2017 ; Motion made Selectman Bennett to approve, seconded by Bob Thompson to approve minutes as written. Motion approved unanimously.**

2. Update on Action Items

Selectman Thompson requested an update on the gear for the Fire Department. Julie Atwell stated the information will be ready for the next meeting with budget worksheets.

Upcoming Selectmen Meetings

Tuesday, January 23rd, 3:30 pm followed by the 1st Budget Hearing
Tuesday, February 6th, 3:30 pm followed by the 2nd Budget Hearing

3. Public Comment

Sarah Clemons would like to know why the hours of the Selectmen Meetings got changed to Tuesdays, and why to an earlier time. Chairman Thompson responded it was to better accommodate Selectmen's schedules.

Bea Davis stated she had to put up a new mailbox at a \$50 cost since it was hit. She doesn't want to have to replace it again. This was the third year in a row.

4. New Business

- a. **Request regarding Women's March – Betsey Harding;** Last January 21, 2017 she helped to organize a successful gathering that attracted close to 300 people that politely expressed their opinions, of all sorts. She would like to have a similar gathering this year on Sunday, January 21 as 12:30 pm and has already had Chief Perley sign off on it. They would start at the Covered Bridge and walk to the school. Folks would be encouraged to use the parking lot by the town offices. There would be 1 patrol car in the front of the march and 1 to the rear. Paperwork has been completed to submit to the DOT and Betsey asked if any of the Selectmen may be interested in signing the paperwork in addition to the Chief. **Selectman Allen made a motion to sign the paperwork and Selectman Bennett seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.**

- b. **Old Library-** Margie Furlong came up to speak about the recent fuel outage at the building and mentioned Officer MacDonald did a nice job rectifying it.
Selectman Bennett was questioning the financial sense of keeping the library open during the April to November timeframe. The Old Library has been over budget the past two years; 2017 due to increased cleaning costs to remove sand and salt.
Sarah asked whether donations for usage of the facility helped offset expenses but it was made clear they do not. Joyce mentioned that due to the relationship between church and Old Library no commercial use can take place in the building. She was assured the suggested donations for usage were exactly that..donations.
Kevin Bennett mentioned there is inadequate insulation in the attic and that perhaps money be allotted to make it adequate which would help to save money in the long run.
Betsey mentioned the NH Electric Coop does perform heat audits which may be beneficial to look into for the building.
Sarah inquired as to who maintains the walkways to the building and was told it is a town function.
- c. **Eastern Slope Airport Representative-** Selectman Allen spoke to this saying the Annual Meeting is on January 27th and they are looking for a representative, which has been his role in the past. The position would be for the next three years, lasting until 2021. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Selectman Allen as the Eastern Slope Airport Representative for that three year period. **The motion passed with Selectman Allen abstaining. Selectman Allen will bring a signed copy of the letter to the upcoming meeting.**

5. Old Business

- a. **Transfer Station updates** – nothing new
- b. **Budget Update-** Selectman Bennett stated the town budget is @ 97.42% through December 17. The best estimate for year end is that \$50, 000 will be leftover.

6. Public Comment

Sarah Clemons would like a list of all hiring contracts from the town for duties such as shoveling, etc to be prepared for the budget hearing.

Bea Davis inquired as to why the road grader was cleaning sidewalks when we have a contract with someone to do that.

Bea was also wondering if we have a policeman on duty in the evening. It was explained that one of the policeman are on duty until 10 pm each day. Sarah asked if we are covered by the Sheriff's department from 10 pm on. Selectman Thompson stated we do have Sheriff coverage and Selectman Allen chimed in that the Bartlett police also cover for us.

Tom Greig wanted to let the Selectmen to know that there had been a recent inquiry regarding water precinct changes in the Black Mountain residential area. The gentleman inquiring is gathering engineering plans and other info to present at an upcoming meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4: 05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

G. Hutchings