

Richard Bennett

John Allen

Bob Thompson

**Selectmen's Meeting  
November 27, 2018**

**Present:** Richard Bennett, Chairman; John Allen, Selectman; Bob Thompson, Selectman

**Visitors:** Town Administrator Julie Atwell, Building Inspector Kevin Bennett, Deputy Town Clerk Gloria Hutchings, Sarah Clemons

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

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

Selectmen's Meeting – November 13, 2018

**A motion was made by Selectmen Thompson to approve the meeting minutes as written; seconded by Selectman Allen. The motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Update on Action Items:**

The Selectmen would like to have a public informational meeting to present the ReVision Solar Installation proposal as well as to explain the Pay As You Throw process. It will be in mid January but the date and time of the meeting will be determined by when the vendor is available.

A brief history of the towns' health insurance coverage was given; prior to 2009 the cost of health insurance was covered at 100% by the town. In 2015, the impending Cadillac Tax caused the town to phase out the zero deductible plans. To incentivize employees to choose a plan with a deductible, the employee contribution rates were lowered. In 2017, employee contribution percentages ranged from 2-9% depending on which plan was chosen. Health insurance rates and employee contribution rates are evaluated annually. In 2017, strategic negotiations regarding healthcare reimbursements resulted in the town saving \$34,000.

Note the following meeting dates:

- a. Tuesday December 11th at 3:30pm – Selectmen's Meeting
- b. Tuesday January 8th at 3:30pm – Selectmen's Meeting
  - Budget Hearing #1 – Directly following Selectmen's Meeting
- c. Tuesday January 22nd at 3:30pm – Selectmen's Meeting
- d. Tuesday February 5th at 3:30pm – Selectmen's Meeting
  - Budget Hearing #2 – Directly following Selectmen's Meeting
- e. Tuesday February 26th at 3:30pm – Selectmen's Meeting

**3. Building Inspector:**

- a. Weekly Report - Kevin Bennett

b. Building Permits

1. 2018-99/ R14 – L03/ Owner – Doucette/46 NH RT 16 /replace rotten sills and siding. Replace 10 windows.
2. 2018-100/ V10 – L13/ Owner – Dunn/12 Alpine Drive /remodel house, kitchen, bathrooms, living room, windows, doors. No footprint change.
3. 2018-101/ R12 – L55-3/ Owner – Leblanc/Eagle Mtn Rd./new 4bdrm, 3 bath house
4. 2018-102/ V09 – L30/ Owner – Siebert/60 Main St./repair/rebuild 2 front walls and replace stonework
5. 2018-103/ V10 – L134/ Owner – Gurnick/41 Presidential Rd./interior renovations
6. 2018-104/ V02 – L47/ Owner – Wroblewski/18 Black Mtn Rd./attach shed roof

4. New Business

- a. Health Insurance – Proposals were received from the three companies that offer municipal insurance rates in NH. After some negotiations, Interlocal Trust, the company we have been using, matched the lower price of a competitor so we will stay with them. Depending on the plan (single, 2 person or family) there will be a 9-11% reduction in plan costs in 2019.

**Selectman Thompson made a motion to accept the new plan for 2019; seconded by Selectman Allen. The motion was unanimously approved.**

- b. Intent to Cut – requested for the Water Precinct . The Selectman signed the request.
- c. Trustees of the Trust Funds – The Board of Selectmen are requesting the following withdrawal from the Trust Funds as indicated below:  
\$2720.21 from the Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (0046)  
- Invoice #214771 – Dated 11/16/18 – Bergeron Protective Clothing  
**Selectman Thompson made a motion to sign the withdrawal; seconded by Selectman Allen. The motion was unanimously approved.**
- d. Cemetery Lot Agreement – **Selectman Thompson made a motion to sign the agreement; seconded by Selectman Allen. The motion was unanimously approved.**
- e. Voters of the Checklist Update – Jeanette Heidmann is moving out of town therefore resigned her position. Recently, Bobbi Meserve gave her resignation, as of 11/30/18, which leaves two positions available. They will be advertised and candidates will then be appointed by the Town Moderator.

5. Old Business

- a. Transfer Station updates – The Burn Pit sign is done and will be put in place.
- b. Solar Project- ReVision has been told to have their proposal for the solar installation on town buildings ready in the beginning of 2019 so the public can be made aware of the information.  
ReVision is the only viable company with power purchase agreements (PPA) in place. One option for municipalities to afford a solar installation is to get investors to front the cost of the whole installation for the first 6 years. The town would pay the investor the reduced energy costs and would be eligible to buy out the investor after 6 years, giving the town those 6 years in which to raise the capital for the purchase.
- c. Budget – (1<sup>st</sup> meeting of month)
- d. Pay-As-You-Throw- The brochures explaining the Pay as You Throw process are done and will be laminated and posted around town. Comprehensive information will be submitted to E-news and to the Conway Daily Sun explaining what the process entails and why we are considering it. The intent is to get the information to the public so they can be informed prior to voting on it in the spring.

- e. Old Library –There was public opposition to having the Chamber of Commerce rent the Old Library. The Selectmen would like to work collaboratively with the Protestant Chapel Association (PCA) to determine the best use of the building. The town will pull historical usage figures and utility expenditure information together to show actual costs to the town and to consider usage rate adjustments.

## 6. Public Comment

Public Comment is a time when town residents can bring matters before the Board. Comments should be short and to the point. Speakers are allotted up to two minutes each to make their comment. Except in unusual circumstances, any matter presented under "Public Comment" will not be debated or acted upon by the Board at the time it is presented. All remarks and dialogue in public meetings must be respectful and courteous, free of rude, personal or slanderous remarks. Inappropriate language and/or shouting will not be tolerated. Furthermore, no person may offer comment without permission of the Chair, and all persons shall, at the request of the Chair, be silent. No person shall disrupt the proceedings of a meeting.

Sarah inquired about the maintenance of the stone bridge and who is responsible for it, stating it has not been shoveled or plowed well. Chairman Bennett stated the town has been working with the State to cooperate on plowing maintenance and will discuss this when them and the road agent.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Gloria Hutchings