



**Selectmen's Meeting
January 11, 2017**

Present: *Terry Lowd, Paul Yates, Chris Hall*

Apologies: *Chad Hanna*

Also Present: *Gordon Benner, James Doughty, Charles Hanson, Sandra Lane*

Amendments to the Agenda

- There were no amendments to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Lowd to approve the minutes of January 4th. The motion was seconded by Yates and carried.

Public Comment

- Acting Chair Yates gave James Doughty the floor to express his interest in applying for the vacant position of Animal Damage Control Officer. He will be contacted after the job description is written and the position opened for applications.

New Business

Snow removal contract

- Tabled to allow Selectman Hanna to participate in discussion.

Workers compensation

- Hall presented the calculation of 2017 premiums to Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Fund. The Town will see a significant increase in 2017, from \$15,499 in 2016 to \$26,786. This is due to the impact of two major claims in 2014 and 2015. Because of the absence of any monetary claims in 2016, the Town should see a future reduction in premiums for 2018.
- Selectmen asked Hall to prepare a proposal for the allocation of the premium among Town departments, using the differential rates for employment category risk calculated by MMA, as well as on departmental payroll.

Certificate of Appointment

- Selectmen signed Hall's Certificate of Appointment as Treasurer and Tax Collector

Abatement Requests

- After reviewing recommendations by Parker Appraisals, motion by Lowd, seconded by Yates, to DENY requests on (i) tax map 34, lot B-29, and (ii) tax map 31, lot 041.

Safety Training – Neal Kimball

- Tabled to allow input from Selectman Hanna.

Paving

- A letter from pike Industries was reviewed, confirming that they will hold 2016 prices for materials on work contracted for 2016 but not yet complete.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Park Fees

- Acting Chair Yates welcomed comments from members of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Budget Committee who were present. Increase fees could be used to pay for a possible Parks Director position, but any such recommendation would have to go to the Town Meeting.
- Discussion tabled until next meeting.
- Copies of the new By-Laws of the Parks and Recreation Commission, approved at their January 3rd meeting, were distributed to Selectmen.

Correspondence

- No additional correspondence was received.

Warrants

- Reviewed and approved weekly disbursement warrants.

Other business

- No further items of business were brought forward.

Public Comment

- C. Hanson pointed out that a ‘sinkhole’ is appearing on Route 130 at Pemaquid, near the wetland close to Shattuck’s Luck Lane. This is a state DOT responsibility.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held Wednesday January 18 at 7:00 pm.
- Notice was given of additional public meetings in the balance of January:
 - Parks and Recreation Commission, January 17 and 24, 6 pm
 - Planning Board, January 19, 7 pm
 - Dam Advisory Committee, January 24, 6 pm (note change of time)
 - Harbor Committee, January 26, 6 pm
 - Budget Committee, January 25, 6 pmSelectmen will attend the Budget Committee meeting Jan. 25 and hold their weekly meeting after its end.

Adjourned at 7.55 pm.