

Special Selectmen Minutes Town of Newburgh

DATE: 7-20 -2017

Elect a Board Chair – Selectman Smith makes motion to select Renee O’Donald as Board Chair. Selectman Carlisle seconds the motion. All in favor 2-0. Selectman O’Donald is now the Board Chair.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Renee O`Donald, Brian Carlisle, Stanley (Skip) Smith
 Cindy Grant

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Vote to accept and sign School Warrant – Selectman O’Donald makes motion to accept and sign the school warrant. Selectman Carlisle seconds the motion. All in favor 3-0
Town Manager Grant has annual road report. The state requires us to tell them what the monies was used for. Town Manager Grant has briefed the selectman with these amounts. Selectman O’Donald makes a motion to have Town Manager Grant to sign last year’s fascial 2017 LRAP funds of \$25,856. Selectman Carlisle seconds the motion. All in favor 3-0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Daliah Farm Culvert –Original grant was \$73,561.66. Because of requirement changes the new estimate is \$90,483.00. The Town of Newburgh has received a grant of \$75,661.00. Town Manager Grant has contacted Bill Laplant for more money, however there is none available. There are a couple of towns that are not going to use the grant money, but cannot give it to us. They have to give it to the ones next in line that didn’t qualify originally. Our road budget is \$17,687.00 outside of our payment for our loan, which could cover the remaining cost. Or we could take if from overlay. But we don’t know how much is in the account until property taxes are complete. With a \$25,000.00 overlay the taxes would only go up .20 from 15.50 to 15.70. The difference between the grant money (75,661.00) that we are getting is \$14,822. Selectman O’Donald does not want to raise taxes for this project only. Selectman Smith would like to see it come from other sources. Such as overlay or the road budget.
2. Clarence Homsted has interest in buying the old town office. He will be financially responsible for its removal. There is money in the Tank account to clean up the lot once the building is removed. Selectman O’Donald makes a motion to transfer ownership of the old town office building to Clarence Homsted, who has agreed to move the building at his own expense and take all the debris and clean for the value of the building. Selectman Carlisle seconds the motion, all in favor 3-0.
3. Selectman O’Donald would like an estimate on a prefab shed for the fire pond. Town Manager Grant has already looked into this. Town Manager Grant will review the estimate. There will be a sign made for the fire pond. Maybe looking into small business signs for advertising for them for a fee. Looking into a quote for a pump for the pump house from Fire Tech and Safety.

SELECTMEN’S COMMENTS: Selectman Carlisle would like to see the newsletter go out in a timely manner. The budget allows four newsletters per year. Selectman O’Donald asked about Roberts Rules

of Order, and does not know of any other towns that function the way Newburgh does. We are one of the only towns that allow public comment. Selectman Carlisle has watched you tube videos of town meetings that are set up so that the selectman sits closer together. If there is any input from the public, they sit at the table and have a discussion. Selectman O'Donald mentioned that one question can send you off the topic of discussion. The town of Newburgh has an open floor for discussion to whatever is on the agenda. Other small towns do not allow this. Selectman O'Donald is tired of the sarcasm and the back handed sarcastic remarks, I'm just doing my job. Most of the comments are neither constructive nor positive. Selectman Carlisle replied "that's when the fire department lost it with me, when they were making the presentation and before the meeting even ended we started getting all these comments and insults and bad language. Then they walk out and badger Town Manager Grant. Selectman Carlisle asked if there were any interest in doing meetings twice monthly. Selectman O'Donald wouldn't mind doing a morning and an evening meeting. May help with ongoing issues we seem to keep going over the same things. We would like to be more productive. Selectman O'Donald doesn't mind changing the setup of the meetings Town Manager prefers to have public comment at the beginning of each meeting. If the public wants to address the board, maybe we could have them fill out a request form?

AJOURN: Selectman O'Donald makes motion to Adjourn at 8:10 AM Selectman Carlisle seconds the motion. All in favor 3-0