

Town Of Litchfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes

Approved 10/11/16

Date: September 26, 2016

- 1.0 Convened at 6:35 PM; Pledge to Flag: Selectmen Present:** Chairman, Mark Russell, George Thomson and Tim Lachapelle. **Staff Present:** Trudy Lamoreau, Town Manager; Larry Nadeau III, Road Commissioner; Steve Ochmanski, Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector; Bryan Lamoreau, Transfer Station Manager; Stan Labbe, Fire Chief; Tina Gowell, Rescue Director. Guests: **See Attached.**
- 2.0 Minutes of September 12, 2016 meeting** submitted for final approval. **Motion by George, 2nd by Mark,** to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 2-0-1.
- 3.0 Reports and Correspondence:**
- 3.1 Town Manager Report:
- A) Maine Municipal has issued a refund as a result of the Worker's Comp Audit of over \$2000.
 - B) Tax Bills were sent out without any issues.
 - C) The Website is having some issues getting content on it.
- 3.2 Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector:
- A) No Report.
- 3.3 Road Commissioner:
- A) Work on Huntington Hill has gone well. Crocker will finish work prior to October 15.
 - B) Crocker will be working on Farrin Road and finish prior to November 15.
 - C) Question/complaint concerning the Town's limited signage for the Huntington Hill project.
 - D) Question and discussion about the ability of residents to purchase culverts at cost – this is the current policy.
- 3.4 Fire & Rescue:
- A) Stan is working on creating the bid specs for the roof replacement of the Purgatory Fire Station.
 - B) Rescue has been extremely busy – all rescue calls for September were covered by the First Responders.

The Chairman at 6:45 proceeded to the Public Hearing (5.1) on a motion by George, 2nd by Tim, and a vote of 3/0/0. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear comments concerning the two proposed Ordinances on the Special Town Meeting Warrant for October 11, 2016. The first Ordinance is the Citizen's Petition to create an *Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Officials* and the second is the Selectmen's competing *Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Officials*. Eric Seaman made a presentation that delineated the differences between the two ordinances and the reasoning behind those differences. There were comments suggesting changes to some of the language in the ordinances. The Chairman explained that the Citizen's Petition could not be amended and had to be presented to the voters as it was presented to the Board. However, if the Board agreed with some of the comments made during the hearing, then there may be an opportunity to amend the competing ordinance. After hearing many comments and suggestions, **the Chair recessed, without objection, the Public Hearing at 7:15 for 10 minutes.**

10.0 Other Business

10.1 Amendments to the Selectmen's competing ordinance.

- A) Changes to section 3 b. **Motion by George, 2nd by Tim, to cross out the word "only" and add, after the words "equal to", the words "or greater than". After further discussion, the motion passed 3-0-0.**
- B) Change the word Selectman to Selectmen in Section 3 c. and Section 5 b. **The changes were made "without objection".**
- C) Change to Section 5 a. **Motion by George, 2nd by Tim, to replace the words "return receipt" with the words "certified return receipt mail". After further discussion, the motion passed 3-0-0.**

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D) Changes to Section 6. **Motion by George, 2nd by Tim, to replace the phrase "SHALL _____ BE RECALLED", with the phrase "SHALL _____ BE RECALLED FROM _____ OFFICE". After further discussion, the motion passed 3-0-0. The Chairman, without objection, also inserted the words "and the office" after the word "name"**

- 3.5 Emergency Management: No Report
- 3.6 Assessing Agent: Tax bills have gone out with a .6 mill rate increase. The RSU Budget referendum did pass.
- 3.7 Transfer Station: Jamie Bisson will visit to see if there is a solution to removing the old brush pile.
- 3.8 Other Town Committees:
 - A) RAC - none

The Chairman at 7:25 reopened the Public Hearing "without objection". The purpose of this part of the Public Hearing was to hear comments on the amendments to the competing ordinance that the Board just made. Earlier Tim had distributed an "Open Letter to Litchfield Residents". Responding to a question from the Chair, Tim requested that the letter be entered into the record of the Public Hearing. **It was entered without objection.** Further comments and questions were heard concerning the letter and its contents. **The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 7:55.**

- 10.2 **Motion by George, 2nd by Tim, to put on the Town Meeting Warrant the Selectmen's competing *Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Officials* as amended during this meeting. Motion passed 3-0-0. Town Meeting will be held on October 11, 2016 at Libby-Tozier School at 6:45.**
- 3.8 Other Town Committees:
 - B) Budget Committee has asked the Department Heads for the Capital financial requests by the end of October.
- 4.0 **Agenda Adjustments: N/A**
- 5.0 **Scheduled Business**
- 5.1 See Above.
- 5.2 Repurchase Agreement Map R6 Lot 69 – Thomas Campbell. A \$4000 down payment has been made – the remainder of \$8269 will be paid over 24 months. **George moved, 2nd by Tim, to approve the agreement. Motion passed 3-0-0.**
- 5.3 Quit Claim Deed Map R5 Lot 2 ON – Repurchase Agreement has been completed and all taxes paid. **George moved, 2nd by Tim, to sign the Deed. Motion passed 3-0-0.**
- 6.0 **Unscheduled Business: None.**
- 7.0 **Legal: None**
- 8.0 **Appointments/Resignations:**
- 8.1 **George moved to appoint Richard Cody to the Planning Board, 2nd by Tim, and to sign the appointment papers. After discussion the motion passed 3-0-0.**
- 9.0 **Warrants:**
- 9.1 Town Voucher Warrant #6 was presented for \$78,491.90. **It was moved by George, 2nd by Tim, to approve, and sign, Warrant #6. After discussion, the motion passed 3/0/0.**
- 9.2 Town Payroll Warrant #6 was presented for \$14,879.96. **It was moved by George, 2nd by Mark, to approve, and sign, Payroll Warrant #6. After discussion, the motion passed 2/1/0.**
- 10.0 **Other Business: See Above**

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11.0 Selectmen/Public Discussion/Communication:

- 11.1 In answer to a question, the Chair reported that the Board approved the Road Waiver request that was presented at the last meeting.
- 11.2 Announcement of the RSU Committee that has been formed to examine the formula for Additional Local Revenues.
- 11.3 The Purgatory Fire Station roof bid may be ready for next meeting.
- 11.4 Concern was raised about the increased traffic, and possible need for blinking light, at the intersection of Rt. 197, Bowdoin Center Road and Huntington Hill Road. The concern will be passed on to the MDOT for a possible new evaluation of the intersection.

12.0 Future Agenda Items:

- 12.1 D. Blocher Property
- 12.2 Street Lights
- 12.3 Old Mill Road Bridge
- 12.4 Gustin Road Bridge/Culvert
- 12.5 Job Description/Mission Statement for the Road Committee – agenda for October 24, 2016
- 12.6 Purgatory Fire Station roof
- 12.7 RSU Assessment method discussion
- 12.8 Return of the 7/14/16 Executive Session working papers

13.0 Adjournment:

Adjourned at 8:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Trudy Lamoreau, Town Manager
Mark Russell, Chairman