

Town of Whitefield  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2017

Present: Frank Ober, Lester Sheaffer, Tony Marple and Dennis Merrill  
Administrative Assistant Aaron Miller  
Absent: Sue McKeen

Select Board actions

1. The minutes for February 6 were approved 3-0-1 (Dennis abstaining)
2. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed.
3. Plowing. Two residents came in to express concerns with the plowing of Route 218 south of King's Mills. They reported considerable snow/slush remaining in places on the road and a better job could be done in scraping the road clear. This has been a common condition all winter and they noted other roads in Town are better maintained. We will call the contractor.
4. Tax date. On a vote of 4-0, the Board recommended the Town set the dates for taxes to be due as November 30, 2017 and April 30, 2018. This will be in the warrant for town meeting.
5. Amish signs. Aaron said he has contracted the DOT regarding placement of signs warning motorists of Amish traffic on state routes where they are likely to travel. The DOT is working on placing the signs, although recent snowstorms have set them back. Aaron will also order signs for placement on Town roads.
6. Speed limits. Aaron said the DOT has evaluated Townhouse Road and will be recommending the speed limit for the Northern end be reduced to 30 mph. Also, on a vote of 3-1 (Lester opposed) the Board decided to ask the DOT to evaluate the speed limit on Route 17 from Route 218 East to Route 32. This area has a lot of turning traffic, an Amish family settling there and a history of numerous accidents.
7. Warrant. The Board discussed the finalization of the warrant for town meeting.
8. Executive session 1. Pursuant to 1 MRSA, §405(6)(F), the Board voted 4-0 to go into executive session to discuss a poverty abatement. Following the session, the Board voted 4-0 to abate all taxes currently due for homeowner.
9. Executive session 2. Pursuant to 1 MRSA, §405(6)(A), the Board voted 4-0 to go into executive session to discuss filling a position. Following the session, the Board voted 4-0 to hire Julianna Elder as a back-up attendant at the Recycling Center.

Assessor's actions. None.

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Dennis Merrill, Chair

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Lester Sheaffer

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Franklin A. Ober

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Tony Marple

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Susan McKeen