

Town of Whitefield Select Board Minutes - 2/6/2017

Board members present: Tony Marple, Lester Sheaffer, Frank Ober, late, Sue McKeen, absent Dennis Merrill and Administrative Assistant Aaron Miller.

Minutes for January 31 approved, 3-0;

Accounts payable and payroll warrants signed.

Status of Hollywood Blvd: David Spicer and David Boynton discussed status of Hollywood Blvd complaint re how to send a bus down to the end of Hollywood Blvd. David Spicer will meet with Josh McNaughton re this issue. Plans for brushing will be done on the road this year.

Discussion re the Hilton Road. A similar school bus issue re condition of the road, but no further discussion on this issue.

Bambi Jones asked the Board to have a speed limit set for Hollywood Blvd. However, this is decided by the State, not the town.

Final budget discussion. Tony discussed the need to verify the 16-17 budget. Tony will clarify.

The Board voted to accept the warrant articles for the f/y 2018. 4-0.

The Board voted to accept the Selectmen's report for the town report. 4-0;

Louie Sell presented a report from the Economic Development Committee. He discussed the results of the surveys sent to all town businesses as well as surveys provided to citizens. The overriding concerns were internet access, taxes and maintaining Whitefield's rural character. Discussions have taken place regarding three phase power and the natural gas pipeline. Several members of the committee have attended two conferences with discussions around accessibility statewide as well as Lincoln County, in particular. There is a Lincoln County group being formed to explore access and the availability of grants as a group, including discussions around the availability of fiber. The group will explore the following in the next year; continuing as a standing committee; the establishing of a Whitefield Brand; Internet resources; incentives and regulations. Louie will be providing a report for distribution at town meeting as well as an executive summary for the town report. The Board thanked Louie and the committee for all their work to date.

Vote to go into executive session to discuss a poverty abatement. 4-0.

Vote to enter into an executive session to discuss a job application. 4-0.

Vote to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. 4-0.

The Board agreed to bring in a representative from Time Warner to discuss the contract. Frank will follow up.

Sue McKeen, acting secretary.

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Dennis Merrill

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