

Town of Whitefield

Select Board Minutes

March 14, 2017, 6PM

Present: Dennis Merrill, Sue McKeen, Frank Ober, Tony Marple, Lester Shaeffer

1. The March 7 minutes were approved, 5-0
 2. Warrants were signed
 3. RSU Budget; Tony reviewed the current status of the RSU 12 budget which has the potential for a large increase due to increased private high school tuition and a change in the State funding formula. The superintendent will be asked to attend Town Meeting for a brief status report.
 4. Oil deliveries; the board agreed that Town Office oil deliveries will be suspended until next year.
 5. Bus routes; issues regarding gaps in school bus routes will be referred to the Road Committee.
 6. Plowing contract extension; Dennis brought the snow plowing contract extension with David Spicer. He recommended and the Board agreed to amend the contract to include the town parking lot and Moosehead Lane. The Board discussed the broken window incident and it was agreed that David Spicer should talk to Bruce Tibbetts, owner of the pick-up, even if the claim is incorrect. The chain link fence behind the plastic recycling containers has been damaged by a plow. Spicer will be asked to pay for the repair.
 7. Foreclosures; The Board reviewed a list of foreclosures. The board agreed that a letter be sent to the property owners that if they don't pay their taxes, their property may be sold by the Town. Tony will write a draft for Board review. Dennis will attempt to reach the Newton family.
 8. Financial reports; The Board did not review the revenue summary due to Aaron's absence. The revenue summary needs a prior year to date column given the variability of revenue throughout the year. Aaron will be asked to follow-up on questions asked at the last meeting about cemetery expense and the Worthy Poor fund.
 9. Town report; The Town Report was discussed. The Board recommends that the font be increased in the future and that the report be drafted in February, allowing time to proof read.
 10. ASK grant; Dennis presented the ASK grant for engineering work regarding culvert replacement. The grant request is for \$2,000 with a Town contribution of \$1,000. The Town's expense would come from the road budget.
- The Board approved the application subject to some minor wording edits.
11. Town Meeting; Dennis reviewed financial materials to be distributed at town meeting. The Board agreed with the presentation materials with the exception of a mil rate forecast which was accurate but could mislead attendees given the likely RSU budget increases.

Amish signs; The town will request that a DOT staff person join a board member for a tour of town roads where signs have been placed and where there are gaps.

Follow-ups for next week; Amish signs, financials, plowing contract, foreclosures

Dennis Merrill, Chair

Lester Sheaffer

Franklin A. Ober

Tony Marple

Susan McKeen