

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting
March 28, 2017, 6 PM

Present: Tony Marple, Bill McKeen, Lester Shaeffer, Charlene Donahue, Frank Ober, Aaron Miller

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve final details to the liquor license for Sheepscoot General. Motion carried.
2. Erik Ekholm presented plans to organize the installation of a heat pump and insulation at the Town House. He plans to build a catwalk in the attic so that blown in insulation can be installed. He will use some recycled materials, but will need a budget of \$100 for some plywood. The labor to build the catwalk will be done by volunteers.
3. The 2017-18 RSU 12 budget was presented by Howard Tuttle along with a group of RSU board members. It will be presented to the public on May 18 at 6:30 Chelsea Elementary School. The budget is on the RSU 12 website. It was suggested that the select board should give better notice in the future so that members of the Whitefield community could attend the budget presentation along with the select board.
4. A discussion of the LD972 that gives more power to the Lincoln County budget committee and limits the power of the Lincoln County Commissioners was led by Carrie Kipfer. A motion was made and seconded that the bill be changed so that the vote of the Lincoln County Commissioners be 2/3 instead of unanimous, Also that the advisory committee may reject the county commissioners budget by a 2/3 votes of the committee members rather than members present as the bill proposes. Motion carried. Tony Marple will send a note to Deb Sanderson and Dana Dow.
5. A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 21 minutes. Motion carried.
6. Warrants were signed.
7. Frank Ober was appointed to the road committee.
8. A report of legislation regarding excise taxes was given by Aaron Miller
9. It was suggested that the board should file a proof of claim with tax bills regarding the Pleasant Pond LLC bankruptcy.
10. It was suggested by Tony Marple to invite the Economic Development Committee to a joint meeting with the select board to discuss broadband. A date will be set sometime after April 6.
12. The Uhl and Sherwood properties were researched by Aaron Miller and because of the complexities, it was suggested that we ask George Fergusson for help.

13. Building repairs were reported by Aaron Miller as follows:
We will have three different contractors inspect the salt shed door to give us recommendations. The leak around the chimney at the Town house will be repaired by Fowler's Roofing. Frank Ober is working to fix light on the fire station.
14. David Allen of the Maine DOT will review the placement of buggy signs on Friday, March 31 at noon. Tony Marple will ride along.
15. A motion was made and seconded to elect Frank Ober as the select board vice chair. Motion carried.
16. Frank Ober spoke to Code Enforcement Officer Arthur Strout about the inspection of gravel pits and the creation of a list of them. It was suggested that we have a joint meeting of the select board and planning board, and Arthur.
17. Items added to the next agenda were a proposal by fire chief Scott Higgins and a quote from George Fergusson for his help with the properties question.
19. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Tony Marple, Chair

Franklin A. Ober, Vice Chair

Lester Shaeffer

Charlene Donahue

Bill McKeen