

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting
May 2, 2017, 6 PM

Present: Tony Marple, Bill McKeen, Lester Sheaffer, Charlene Donahue
Aaron Miller, Administrative Assistant
Absent: Frank Ober

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair, Tony Marple.
2. A motion was made and seconded to accept the April 25 minutes. Motion carried.
3. Thomas Bowden offered to furnish and install two hitching posts for Amish use at no charge as a Boy Scout project. One near the town office, and one near the recycling center. The board agreed and recommended he talk with the Amish and work with Aaron as to the best placement.
4. Melanie Knox and Susan Stinchfield presented the FEDCAP Work Experience Program to the board. Aaron will create a list of possible jobs that might be done by those involved in this program.
5. Erik Eckholm reported on the town office upgrades. He presented a plan and proposed sequence of the work along with a list of proposed bids related to the upgrades. An RFP will be used to purchase the heat pumps. Bill McKeen will draw up a plan for a possible building committee to plan short and long range work on town buildings.
6. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed by the board.
7. A motion was made and seconded to approve a bottle club application by the Whitefield Lion's Club. Motion carried.
8. A motion was made and seconded to hire Jeff Newell and his wife for a temporary job to organize the recycling center. Total hours not to exceed 8. Motion carried.
9. The taxes due on the foreclosed Erik Prescott property will be paid by Ronny Rollins. Aaron will draw up the necessary papers to transfer the ownership of the property.
10. Steve Smith attended the select board meeting to ask about the proper way to fill out his property tax survey. He was asked to call Tax Assessor, Kevin McCormick.
11. The select board reviewed an Unclaimed Funds letter to the Maine State Treasurer for \$2449.64 that was originally in the name of the North Whitefield Volunteer Fire Department. They were funds raised by the NWVFD and will be rolled into a like fund for the Whitefield Volunteer Fire Department.

12. Bill McKeen reported on the Pleasant Pond Mill bankruptcy hearing. The judgment will be reported later.
13. Tony Marple reported on several legislative hearings affecting municipalities.
14. Charlene Donahue, and Tony Marple will attend the Small Town Forum on May 11.
15. Bill McKeen will look for some hardware to discourage sign theft.
16. An advertisement for office staff has been placed.
17. Additional buggy signs have been purchased and will be installed by the road commissioner.
18. A personnel matter was discussed in executive session.
19. The following items were added to the May 9 agenda:
 - Recycling Payroll
 - Heat Pump RFP
 - FEDCAP
 - Coopers Mills Dam
20. An executive session was held regarding a personnel issue.
21. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn, motion carried.

Tony Marple, Chair

Franklin A. Ober, Vice Chair

Lester Sheaffer

Charlene Donahue

Bill McKeen

