

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2017, 6 PM

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

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair, Tony Marple.
2. A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 5th minutes as printed. Motion carried.
3. Dave West of B & B Paving attended the select board to explain why the driveway aprons were not paved on the same day that lower Townhouse Road was paved. He said that he knew that the aprons were part of the contract, but that he did not include the paving of the aprons by accident. Without the aprons, many driveways had about a 3 or 4 inch drop from the pavement to their driveways. As a result, the road commissioner was asked to grade gravel to smooth the transition from pavement to driveway. The select board is asking B & B Paving to either remove the gravel and pave the aprons or make an appropriate deduction to their invoice. A motion was made and seconded to require a \$3000.00 deduction. Dave West will return with an answer at next week's select board meeting. Motion carried, 4 to 1.
4. Road Commissioner, David Boynton asked the select board to mark and number of trees that are to be removed from Hollywood Boulevard so that those interested in the job can make a bid. Tony Marple will mark the trees.
5. Four options of municipal tax rate commitments were presented by the tax assessors to the select board. A motion was moved and seconded to accept an overlay of \$85,088.26 which would result in the mil rate dropping to .0138. Last year's rate was .015. Motion carried, 4 to 1.
6. Accounts payable warrants were signed by the select board.
7. A quit claim deed was signed by the select board for a property for which a discharge was not previously made. Taxes on the property are current.
8. A motion was made and seconded to go into executive session to discuss an acquisition of real property or economic development according to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (c). The executive session will reconvene in the future.
9. Aaron Miller reported his findings about the history of the town owned property on Route 17. The lot is owned by the Town of Whitefield and includes land in Windsor. The 1992 deed from the Estate of Harold Olsen stated that the property is to be used for recreational purposes.

10. Bill McKeen reported that more revisions will be made to the junkyard policy before it can be adopted by the board. A notice to clean up junk was sent by the select board to two **property owners** 60 days ago. The Code Enforcement Officer will be asked to visit those two properties and document any changes that have taken place in the last 60 days. If no change is reported by the CEO, the town lawyer will be asked to send a letter starting legal proceedings.

11. Aaron Miller reported that the Town of Whitefield has received a **dividend** check of \$1,143.00 from the Maine Municipal Association as a result of its good loss experience and loss prevention programs.

12. The following items will appear on next meeting's agenda:

Cemetery Committee

Junkyard Policy

Tree Removal Bids

Townhouse Road

13. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn, Motion carried.

Tony Marple, Chair

Franklin A. Ober, Vice Chair

Lester Sheaffer

Charlene Donahue

Bill McKeen