

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2017

Present: Frank Ober, Lester Sheaffer, Tony Marple, Sue McKeen and Dennis Merrill
Administrative Assistant Aaron Miller

Select Board actions

1. The minutes for January 3 were approved 5-0
2. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed.
3. Marijuana moratorium. After a brief discussion, the Board voted 4-1 (Lester opposed) to place the question of a moratorium on retail sales and social clubs for marijuana on a secret ballot at the annual Town Meeting.
4. Town office air quality. Aaron reported a consultant has visited the office to evaluate the air quality. Some evidence of mold was found and samples were taken for analysis. The results are expected with a week.
5. Sand bin. The Board 5-0 to have a sign made for the public sand bin to inform the public of the amount of sand the can be taken: 4 five gallon buckets per household per storm - residents only and no commercial use.
6. Broadband. There will be a workshop on broadband on Jan 19 in Wiscasset sponsored by Lincoln County Regional Planning. Also, a letter was received from a resident of Hollywood Blvd. regarding the lack of service in his area and asking the Town renegotiate the contract with Time-Warner to require service in less densely populated areas.
7. Holocaust Center. A letter was received from the Holocaust Center at UMA asking for a representative from Town to speak there about the July 4 parade and the openness to various points of view in Whitefield. Marie Sacks will be contacted to see if she might be interested.
8. Web site. The Board briefly discussed options for improving the web site. We need to include Debbie Rogers in the planning process.
7. Budget Committee. The Budget Committee convened at 7 PM with all members present: Erik Ekholm, David Hayden, Lisa Kalloch, Taryn Marcus, Barry Tibbetts, Mike McMorrow, Charlene Donahue, Barbara Mayer, and Chris Delisle. With Road Commissioner David Boynton present the proposed road budget was discussed. The requests of various charities were also discussed, along with proposed upgrades to the town office. The Committee will meet January 24 to vote on its recommendation for the budget.

Dennis Merrill, Chair

Lester Sheaffer

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Tony Marple

Susan McKeen