

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes

Date: December 17, 2014

Members Present: Janet Flinkstrom, Mike McCallum and Steve Ingerson

Time: 7:04 p.m.

2) Motion to approve minutes of December 3, 2014 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

3) Warrant #W23P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$58,525.08 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: SI - Abstain
MM - Aye
JF - Aye

Question from SI on the payroll – Do we have a Treasurer anymore; how come she is not getting paid anymore? Is the Treasurer still actively working here? MM – we just finished the payroll.

JF states the warrants say Kate Stacy, Treasurer on them so she just signed and did this.

MM Answer – She is still the Treasure; we have not received a resignation.

SI – so she is working for free then. MM – just because she did not put in a timesheet for this week does not mean she is not still the Treasurer. Lillian Whitney asked if the Town still uses Harper's Payroll? SI answered yes. LW states she will check into this.

4) Warrant #W24B approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$43,361.16 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: SI - Abstain
MM - Aye
JF - Aye

Request for Selectmen's appointment of Pamela Sager as Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant to the Police Department. – Agenda item passed over to next BOS meeting. Addressed by Chief Alden – still waiting on background checks to be finished.

5) Motion for Selectmen to keep the liquor license fees as structured for the calendar year 2015 as is.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

6) Motion to approve and sign on 2015 Liquor License for 31 Store – Retail Package Goods, All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

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- 7) Motion to approve and sign on 2015 Liquor License for 873 Roadhouse, LLC – All Alcoholic Restaurant License.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

- 8) Motion to approve and sign on 2015 Liquor License for The American Legion – Club License, All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

Northeast Municipal Gas Pipeline Coalition Update (if any): Cathy Kristofferson gave update. Ashby is now changed to the “alternate” route submitted to FERC the main route was changed by Kinder-Morgan to not include Ashby but, travel further North through New Hampshire. The route will only clip Willard Brook State Forest property. This is not a given so we should not stop worrying about it. Proposed Pumping station moved from Townsend to Mason or Greenville, NH. Mr. Cuomo banned all fracking from the state of New York based on the health records from the health effects it was having.

- 9) Motion to approve and sign on 2015 Liquor License for Ashby Market – Retail Package Goods, Wine and Malt Beverages.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

- 10) Motion to approve and sign on Common Victualler’s License Renewal for 2015 for 31 Store.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

- 11) Motion to approve and sign on Common Victualler’s License Renewal for 2015 for 873 Café.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

- 12) Motion to approve and sign on Common Victualler’s License Renewal for 2015 for the American Legion.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

- 13) Motion to approve and sign on Common Victualler’s License Renewal for 2015 for The Ashby Market.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

- 14) Motion to approve and sign on Common Victualler’s License Renewal for 2015 for Mr. Mike’s Ashby.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

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15) Motion to approve and sign on General (Video Games) License for 2015 for The American Legion.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

16) Motion to approve and sign on 2015 Class II Motor Vehicle License and accompanying conditions letter for P&S Trucks & Parts, Inc.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

17) Motion to approve and sign on 2015 Class III Motor Vehicle License and accompanying conditions letter for P&S Trucks & Parts, Inc.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

18) Motion to approve and sign on 2015 Motor Vehicle License (including Class II Conditions) for B&Z Enterprises.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

19) Motion to approve and sign on 2015 Motor Vehicle License (including Class II Conditions) for G&M Automotive.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

20) Motion to approve and sign on 2015 Motor Vehicle License (including Class II Conditions) for Tip Top Motors.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

21) Motion to approve and sign on 2015 Motor Vehicle License (including Class II Conditions) for Tracy's Auto Body and Sales.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steven Ingerson Vote: Unan

Any Other Business not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman:

Lillian Whitney spoke on the 250th Anniversary Celebration and passed out information on it which she would like attached to the minutes (2 attachments). MM stated her letter did not ask for a response from the BOS.

She is concerned about the way this account is being handled. She feels that "something is amiss here". MM went over some of the figures with her and showed her an error on account posting of the interest that was corrected. He tried to explain to her that the money was in the correct separate account and she insisted it isn't. The \$300 balance earned approximately \$12 in interest in one year instead of just 50 cents as most accounts of this amount would earn at 0.1% or 0.2% or less; Kate must have put this in a high yield account as it was earning a higher amount closer to 2.5% or 3% in interest.

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Lillian wants the money put in a separate account and she wants to see a print-out of the bank statement. MM told her this was not the job of the BOS and the money is already in a separate account.

Alan Pease stated the laws are similar for the Planning Board's escrow accounts. The monies do comeingle they are not kept in separate bank accounts but, the account is tracked separately by the Town Accountant. They are not all in separate bank accounts that is why the Accountant is the one who gave Lillian the print out. The Treasurer did respond by having her go to the Accountant for a print out of the account.

JF asked Lillian who told her the interest would not fluctuate? LW answer that she knows this having been in banking. JF responded that her interest fluctuates in all of her accounts.

MM doesn't feel this issue will be resolved here because there is a clear difference in what the words mean and he is willing to go with the Treasurer, Town Accountant and Auditors figures as correct and in the right account. Sounds like we are looking to punish for a \$12 posting mistake. No monies were lost they were put in a different account; sounding like we are going to flog this to death and we are done.

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report: Read by: MM

Last BOS meeting of 2014 will be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2014.

Public Comments (if any)

22) Motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum

Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom

Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____