

**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Monday, January 7, 2019**  
**6:30pm**

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting called to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett and Nathan Guptill. Guest: Ed Morris and David Mclaughlin.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Kurt Schaub would like to add Snell Hill Road discussion as 5-A-1 and discussion of email received from Fritz Gurschick as 5-A-2.
- 3. Rescue Department: 3-1: Regular Monthly Report:** 81 calls for the month of December and 956 calls year to date. Budget looking good, Lisa would like to request that the money that was taken from account 5740 be taken from the Capital Account and replaced into account 5740. Motion and second to allow department heads to choose where they would like the Tower Expenses to be paid from, unanimous vote.
- 4. Fire Department: 4-1: Regular Monthly Report:** 19 calls for the month of December. Department did the annual toy drive for Mary Richardson, who distributes toys to families in town. Nathan also would like to request that the Fire Department Tower expense comes out of the Capital Budget, again there was a motion and second to allow the department heads to choose where they would like the Tower Expenses to be paid from, unanimous vote.
- 5. 5-A-1: Discussion of sanding Snell Hill Road:** Dave Mclaughlin stated in his letter to the Board that the town plowed, sanded and maintained the end of Snell Hill Rd up to what was the M.B. Tinkham residence up until the last few years. After a lot of discussion the board decided that they would visit Snell Hill and see where the property lines are and revisit at a later date before making any final decision but for now will have the Highway Crew sand. **5-A-2:** Kurt Schaub had a discussion with Fritz Gurschick in the office, then Fritz followed up with an email about the two bucket limit of sand at the Transfer Station, the email was provided to the board. After discussion there was a motion and second to continue with the 2 bucket limit of sand, unanimous vote. **5-1: FY 2020:** Draft budget for FY 2020 was provided to the board for review. A copy of the Budget Committee meeting dates was also provided to the board so that the board could set up their meeting dates to discussion the FY 2020 budget. **5-2: Highway Department Staffing:** Leland Searles, department manager will be out for the next several weeks due to an injury. Kent Harrington in the meanwhile is serving as Foreman. Would like to discuss hiring one of the new call-in employees as a regular member of our crew, which will be discussed in Executive Session. **5-3: Planning Board Update/Medical Marijuana Storefronts:** Kurt Schaub met with the Planning Board and several members continue to express concern over the approach that is planned to provide technical support on applications and other matters under their jurisdiction. Ed Morris was present to voice

the same concerns. The Board stated that Mike Ghotto is available to help in the interim. Other matter is the proposal to permit Medical Marijuana storefronts and other related facilities to operate in Turner. The approach at this time is likely to involve the Planning Board conducting the necessary reviews for siting and other land-use issues and the Selectmen will be responsible for issuing and renewing an annual license and the Code Enforcement Officer will be responsible for ensuring compliance with any locally imposed requirements. **5-4: Transfer Station Backhoe:** Authorization was previously granted to spend up to \$25,000 for a backhoe, a potential replacement has been found, and the price is \$27,500. Motion and second to purchase the backhoe for \$27,500, unanimous vote. **5-5: Property Tax Foreclosures:** Just an FYI currently have about a half dozen properties with liens that matured on December 31<sup>st</sup>, several of those are in bankruptcy and cannot be foreclosed upon. In keeping with past practice, the property owners will receive letters advising them that they have 30 days to redeem them for the full amount of taxes, interest and fees owed – for all outstanding years. **5-6: Town Report Dedication:** Board will revisit at next meeting. **5-7: Spirit of America Award:** Board will revisit at next meeting as well. **5-8: Code Enforcement:** Ken Pratt will be the interim Code Enforcement Officer and will have office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:00am and Noon, but encourages residents to call him directly when needed. Have an ad running on the Maine Municipal Association and Maine Building Officials and Inspectors Association websites.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to accept consent agenda, unanimous.
7. **Executive Session – Personnel – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405(6) (A) :** **7-1: Highway Department Staffing:** Motion and second to enter into executive session at 8:10pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit executive session at 8:35pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to hire full time Driver/Laborer in Highway Department, unanimous vote.
8. **Adjournment:** Motion and second to adjourn at 8:40pm, unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM