Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes

May 17th, 2021

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Wayne Rundlett

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Garrett Oswald, Marilyn Gorman, Brian Rundlett

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm

2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond 2nd.

3. Old Business- There was a brief discussion about the Sand Salt Shed door and that the electrician had still not shown up to wire the high voltage for it.

4. Items by the Public- NONE

5. Department Heads- NONE

6. Items by the Town Manager

a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll, A/P warrants

b. Stacie discussed with the Board that Mike Malesky had shown interest in taking over the responsibilities of the West New Portland Cemetery, as well as Matt and Cathy Sleeper (who have done all of the maintenance for the cemetery over the past 10 years). The Board decided to have both parties come to the next scheduled Selectmen’s Meeting to discuss the matter further. Stacie would contact all of them and invite them to the June 1st meeting.

7. Items by the Board of Selectmen

 a. Employee evaluations (tabled until next meeting)

 b. Raymond spoke with Brent regarding how much sand was left in the Sand Salt Shed building. The thought was that possibly we would only need to put up 2500 yards of sand instead of 3700. Stacie inquired if we should have Gary Agren, New Portland’s Road Commissioner look at the pile to get his input on how much sand was left. Wayne and Raymond thought that was a good idea. Tina stated that she could look at the pile and tell how much was left. It was discussed on where to put the ad for the Winter Sand Bids. Tina would look at the pile after the meeting and then Stacie would put the ad in the Daily Bulldog, The Irregular, The New Portlander, and the Town’s website.

 Tina discussed that she received a phone call from someone regarding some things that were taking place at the Town Office. The complaint was that there was music playing with the “F” word in the music, and that children were there. She did not state who the complaint was from, but the person asked her if that was appropriate to be taking place at the office. She stated that the office should be run as a business. Stacie stated that she was not sure about the music issue but there were children at the office from time to time, and that over the past 20 + years children were at the office. Tina found it hard to believe that this would be the first time a complaint had come in regarding things like this taking place at the office. Raymond stated that in the past there was only one complaint regarding a child at the office who had special needs, which was addressed the time. Tina stated that if there were more complaints in the future the issue would need to be addressed. Stacie agreed that the office should be run as a business and reiterated that it is run as a business. Stacie acknowledged addressing the issue in the future if more complaints came in.

Raymond reminded Tina that she also got a complaint from Gilbert Taylor, and she then discussed that Gilbert had questioned why only the triangle (3 roads) near his property in the North Village were posted, and all other roads the posted road signs were removed, and he questioned why this was. Stacie discussed with the Board that there had been a few calls similar that came in to the office, as they typically do this time of year. She reiterated to the Board that in those situations she gives the caller or person who has questioned posted roads Gary’s number so they can discuss the matter further with him since he is the Road Commissioner and in charge of posted roads. Raymond reminded all that Gary was at the last meeting and he stated directly to the Board that some of the posted road signs would not come down until May 15th due to the conditions on those roads, which is allowed by Maine State Law.

Adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the June 1st meeting. smr*