

**TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OFFICE  
NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256**

January 3, 2019

**MEMBERS**

Mr. Denoncour and Mertz were present.

**PRESENT:**

**OTHERS**

Town Administrator Mrs. Lucas

**PRESENT:**

**CALL TO**

Mr. Denoncour called the meeting of the Board to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ORDER:**

**WORK SESSION**

Manifests, bills, requisitions, purchase orders and leave request forms.

The board approved purchase requisitions for Strafford Tire - Police Cruiser tires and invoices for Commerford. Neider and Perkins for revaluation and assessing costs.

The board approved the following Building Permit application(s):

1. Shawn Sweeney, Tax Map U-10, Lot 6 (condition that Fire Department shall inspect)

The board approved a Veterans Credit:

1. Brenda Davidson Rev. Trust, Tax Map R-11, Lot 17-39

**DISCUSSION**

The Board reviewed the following:

- Mr. Mertz motioned, Mr. Denoncour seconded to approved the following Abatements; vote was unanimous:
  - a. Logel/Town of New Hampton Tax Map R-7, Lot 29 for 2015 - \$654.68, 2016 - \$1251.42, 2017 330.78.
  - b. Abatements due to overcharge on 1<sup>st</sup> tax bill for 10 properties totaling \$199.34.

Mr. Denoncour pointed out the efficiency in which Mr. Mertz handled all the abatements.

- 941 for 2018 - Approved by the Board and signed by Mr. Denoncour.
- The Board approved the following Current Use – Land Use Change Tax for:
  - a. Adam Defilippe & Devin Humphries, Tax Map R-17, Lot 30C \$1,083.00
  - b. Amanda Morse, Tax Map R-6, Lot 60 \$1,023.
  - c. Joe Morin, Tax Map R-14, Lot 13 \$113.00
  - d. Jeremy Hiltz Rev. Trust, Tax Map R-4, Lot 2 \$2,375.00
- The Board reviewed the contract for Police Department Prosecutor for 2019. The contract proposes an increase of \$1,500/month to \$3000/month, with language that the increase was contingent on 2019 budget approval in March. The Board had concerns regarding paragraph #8 and asked that the town attorney review the contract and provide recommendations.
- Followup on Discretionary Easement for William Castner. The Board reviewed an email from Mr. Castner regarding the size/square footage of the barn for which he

is requesting a discretionary preservation easement. The information he provided was not consistent with the town file. The Board asked that Mr. Castner be asked for further clarification on the attached wood shed; when it was built or rebuilt and the size.

- Email regarding Old Home Day, dated 12/31. The Board asked Mrs. Lucas to contact Jane MacDonald to discuss whether she would be interested in assuming the lead on the Old Home Day events. Ms. Susan Leduc had advised the Board last year that she did not intend to continue. She had served in the position for many years.
- Calls regarding Highway conditions - #730, #729, #731. Copies forward to Public Works Director to address.
- Police Dept Monthly Statistics October & November.
- Mrs. Lucas advised that the Fire Chief had Control Technologies in to provide an estimate on the Public Safety Building furnace. The Fire Chief stated he had expected to have a quote for discussion tonight but has not yet received it. He said he should have it by the first of next week, before the Budget Hearing. He had advised that the company recommended a day where they would go through both furnaces. They advised the Chief that the first problem they believe is that the units have an exhaust problem, possibly a leak. He explained the exhaust on these furnaces is very corrosive. Another possibility is a cracked heat exchange if it is not purging the gas. The service costs will be \$120/hr. Fire Chief also had advised that Squam Lakes Plumbing and Heating did come in and cleaned one of the furnaces and at this time they are both running. The Board took this under advisement until they have the information from the Fire Chief. It was agreed that additional funds will need to be added to the proposed 2019 budget for this purpose.
- The Board reviewed the Budget hearing handout for Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, proposed budget, default budget, estimated revenues and estimated town tax rate for 2019 of \$6.63/1000 up from \$5.90/1000 for 2018. Mrs. Lucas pointed out this estimate is with using the current tax base and not recognizing an increase for 2019. Mr. Denoncour asked what the tax rate would have been for 2019 if we did not have a revaluation. Mrs. Lucas said using last year's values the total tax rate would have been \$18.58/1000, but pointed out the board had used fund balance and increased the revenues which lessen the tax rate.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

There was none.

**NON PUBLIC  
SESSION**

At 8:05 pm Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denoncour, to go into Non Public Session, according to RSA 91A:3 II (c) Personnel. Vote passed. Roll call was taken, Mr. Mertz - Y, Mr. Denoncour -Y.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Denoncour, Mr. Mertz and Mrs. Lucas

**RETURN TO**

At 8:25 pm, Mr. Denoncour made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mertz, to come out of Non

**PUBLIC SESSION** Public Session. Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denoncour, to seal the minutes for 5 years. Votes passed.

**NON PUBLIC SESSION** At 8:28 pm Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denoncour, to go into Non Public Session, according to RSA 91A:3 II (c) Reputation. Vote passed. Roll call was taken, Mr. Denoncour – Y and Mr. Mertz - Y.

**PRESENT** Mr. Denoncour, Mr. Mertz and Mrs. Lucas

**RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION** At 8:35 pm, Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denoncour, to come out of Non Public Session, and to seal the minutes for 5 years. Votes were unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denoncour, to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Lucas