

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

Thursday, November 5, 2020

MEMBERS

Mr. Mertz, Mr. Drake and Mr. Shaw were present.

PRESENT:

Town Administrator Mr. Irvine

OTHERS

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CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Mertz called the meeting of the Board to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORK SESSION

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

The board approved the following purchase requisitions: PD (snow tires), Fire Dept (Fire Chief's recommendation to accept Industrial Protection Services' bid for Extrication Equipment). Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake to accept Fire Chief Lang's recommendation and approve the expenditure of \$49,618 to purchase the Holmatro extrication tools from Industrial Protection Services with 5% of the cost from the Special Revenue Fund, 95% from the AFG grant. Vote was unanimous.

The board approved the following Occupancy Permit(s):

1. Jay Wilson – Map U11, Lot 14
2. Donald & Patricia Bergeron – Map R7, Lot 47

The board approved the following Occupancy Permit application:

1. James & Jennifer Doig - Map R12, Lot 28A. As Mr. Doig was present the board asked him when the containers on the property would be removed as approval was given to allow them until they occupy the home. They hoped to have them removed by the spring. Mr. Mertz asked him to get one removed right away.

DISCUSSION

- NHDRA 434R & Preliminary Tax Rate – preliminary rate is a reduction. Mr. Irvine said this uses \$200,000 of fund balance, but is recommending using \$175,000 which would still result in a lower tax rate. He said the additional \$25,000 may be needed as he anticipates Rooms & Meals taxes and Highway Block Grant monies to be reduced in 2021. It was the consensus of the board to reduce the use of fund balance to offset taxes from \$200,000 to \$175,000.
- Review of two Winter Season Contracts @ \$80/hr for plow and operator. One contractor can also offer a dump truck for an additional cost. Public Works Director Mr. Boucher recommended approval of both contracts. Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve both. Vote was unanimous and contracts were signed.
- SAFER Grant (funding for 2 firefighter's salaries for 2 years) requires that personnel spend more than 50% of their time on operational fire suppression vehicle. Further clarification needed
- Mohawk Trailriders Snowmobile Permission at Lake Pemi Outlet – Mr. Irvine advised that the jersey barrier was moved by PWD to allow a fire truck to get close enough to draft water per Chief Lang. Mr. Irvine said he spoke with Chief Lang and Mr. Boucher on a location where the snowmobile club can construct a bridge while allowing accessibility to the fire dept to draw water and allow for snow removal by highway. Mr. Irvine said he would advise the snowmobile club of this location. The

board signed the document granting permission to construct the bridge. Mr. Irvine advised the town holds no liability on the bridge to be constructed.

- Mr. Irvine proposed having Dept Heads separately meet with Selectmen on a monthly basis. Discussion to consider assigning a particular Selectman to a specific department to act as liaison. It was the consensus of the board to act as liaisons with department to ensure each department head has more time for themselves.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

There was none.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Town Clerk Ms. Adams was present and advised the Selectmen that on a New Hampton Facebook page there were a lot of positive comments from voters. She will share some of the comments with the poll workers.
- Shredding truck disposed of old documents on 11/3/20.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to adjourn at 7:29 pm. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Vose