

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APPROVED MINUTES

November 21, 2016

Meeting convened at 6:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Marj Roy, Vicky Mishcon, Jim Delaney, Dave Blinn

Also present were: John Kinney and Rene Lefebvre

ROAD AGENT:

- Kearsarge Mountain Road Bridge – Last week the bridge repair took place and it went smoothly. The preparation work took a day-and-a-half. Once the preparation was completed, the road was shut down at 7 a.m. and the bridge was reopened at 5:00 p.m. the same day. The signs were put up and the area was cleaned. The project took 13.5 hours to complete.
- Lawrence Street Bridge - The plan is to work on the walkway on the Monday after Thanksgiving, weather permitting.
- Maple Street Bridge – After the Lawrence Street Bridge walkway is completed, this project will be done.
- Drainage issue - The water drainage issue at Town Hall needs to be looked at during the next rain storm so they can assess and pinpoint just where the leak is coming from to make the needed repairs.
- The road crew is preparing for the first snow storm.

TAX RATES AND BILLING:

The tax rate has been set. The rate is \$21.26 per one thousand dollars of assessed value.

The Andover Fire District is an additional \$.68 which totals that rate to \$21.94.

The East Andover Fire District is an additional \$.37 which totals that tax rate \$21.63.

The tax bills will be mailed out on November 23, 2016. Instead of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector mailing the bills out directly from their office, due to the Town's copier issues, this year the tax bills will be mailed out by a company who specializes in this type of work for municipalities.

SINGLE STREAM:

The single stream revenue has decreased from \$41.00 to \$38.50 per ton. It is not understood why it has decreased.

PROCTOR LIASON MEETING:

Mishcon met with Proctor on October 24, 2016 for their semi-annual liaison meeting. During the meeting the following items were discussed:

- The new dorm now replaces the Thoreau House.

- Proctor is expanding their snow area to include a five-element terrain park.
- The new dining hall is not tax exempt so the town will receive more revenue from Proctor.
- The old gym roof is one acre in size and has solar panels on it. All solar installations will which will produce about 25 % to 30% of the power Proctor needs
- There were forty wells dug for the geothermal system for the dining hall. It is a closed loop system requiring no additional water.
- Andover Energy Group would like to learn more about this project from Proctor, including funding, etc. The information will be helpful with updating the Town Hall's heating system in the future.
- The AEMS representative discussed the school bond issue. The representative also discussed the 6th to 8th grade students attending Merrimack Valley Middle School instead of being schooled here in Andover, but it would be a significant cost to do so.
- The next meeting will be on April 17, 2017

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Town copier may not be repairable. Roy is looking into proposals from copier companies. It might be more cost effective to invest in a new copier.

Verizon Cell Tower: The representative and the Town Road Agent need to meet up at the Transfer Station to walk the property before a public meeting is held.

Vault Roof Issue: The roof of the vault is leaking and needs to be repaired. The leaking issue is most likely due to the old caulking drying up and disintegrating over time. A carpenter will need to take care of this repair.

EMS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE UPDATE:

Chief Lefebvre explained that the fire department purchased a supplemental insurance policy to help cover expenses not covered under workman's comprehensive policies. It provides some income if something occurs. The supplemental policy also has a death or dismemberment benefit. It will cover not only the fire people, but the rescue squad, and auxiliary personnel. The policy is in effect currently and is paid through March/April of 2017. When the policy comes due next Spring, Chief Lefebvre budgeted for in the operating budget for 2017-2018.

The Town carries State firemen insurance, however, it only covers the actual firemen. This policy has more coverage for a death benefit. Basically, it's a guarantee that everyone has life insurance.

Chief Lefebvre will provide an open enrollment period, probably in January of every year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mishcon made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Delaney seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Patricia Moyer, Secretary of the Select Board

