

TOWN OF CHATHAM SELECTMEN'S MEETING

1/9/2018

Meeting called to order 6:00pm

Present: Wayne Infinger, Jason Eastman, Micah Voter, Alan Eastman, Doug McPherson, Judy Bailey, Steve and Jeanne Eastman, Bill and Ron Briggs..Trish Pitman joined the meeting at 7:00

Minutes were approved from the previous meeting

Mail review and Vouchers signed

The Historical Society reviewed their decision to present 2 warrant articles for inclusion in the annual report. One was to acquire the School house and land. If this doesn't pass the second article was to acquire land from the Town. Doug McPherson is going to work on the final drafts of both warrants and will present them to the Selectmen prior to 2/6/18. Discussion followed what would be the best option for the Town. Bill Briggs felt that having the Historical Society get land would be the best option for the Town. The Historical Society's first choice is to acquire the school house. If the historical society were to own the school house they would be able to possibly secure grants and funding to do the necessary repairs and upgrades to the building to bring it into code compliance.

Jason Eastman is going to contact a locksmith to have the new safe's combinations set.

The Selectmen will work on their 2018 operating budget at 5 pm on 1/31/18, prior to the selectmen's meeting that is to start at 6 pm.

The Selectmen and Trish are working at getting the Town Clerk's office moved to the Town hall. The construction is almost finished. No actual date has been set as we need to have telephone and internet service installed. Micah Voter will contact the telephone company and get pricing.

The Selectmen intend to hold a public hearing , date to be determined but it will be after Town meeting to discuss changes to the use of the Town Beach and parking area. Also to establish no parking areas in Town in the winter months for snow removal

The Selectmen gave permission to the Historical Society to hold a bon fire on 2/3/18 and to have a slide show in the Town Hall.

The Selectmen discussed opening date of new town office. The phone lines must be put in first. Micah is going to contact Fairpoint and ask them to install the phone lines. The floor needs to be waxed prior to the office opening. Sue Crowley will be waxing the floor. Wayne is going to contact her. The safes need to have combinations added to the locks. Jason is going to contact a lock smith to do this. Tricia would like to move into the new town office over February vacation.

The Selectmen set a date to hold their budget meeting. They plan on meeting at 5:00pm on January 31 to discuss the budget.

Wayne met with Peter Malia. Mr. Malia stated that the town may keep all of the proceeds from the sale of the property on Province Brook Road.

Mr. Malia asked if the town had ever passed RSA 31.95-b. It covers spending unanticipated funds. We need to put it in as a warrant article if it was not passed.

The Selectmen discussed continuing to use Alpine Web for the town's website. They will look into it more and discuss it again at next month's meeting.

Justin Fisher has been assigned the address of 215 Toad Hill Road.

Ron Briggs will be sending the town two plans for boundary updates to update the tax maps. Ron also informed the Selectmen that Lisa Lewis had resigned from the committee to discuss town land use. Ron stated that he is planning on getting done next month. He voiced his concern over his perception of how people feel about the Selectmen and why they do not attend town meeting.

The Selectmen received a list of forest wardens and deputies. This list will be included in the town report.

Alan Eastman was given the DOT bridge report.

The Selectmen signed vouchers.