

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting December 28, 2017  
(Approved 2/1/18)

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. Present at the meeting: Selectmen Vern Worthen, Chris Tibbetts and Norman Redlevske; Tax Collector and Treasurer Yolanda Violette; Secretary Fran Varney; Fred LaPlante; Shelley Rudnicki, Republican candidate in upcoming primary for District 108 Representative to Maine House of Representatives.

Minutes from November 16, 2017 approved 2-0-1 (Chris Tibbetts abstaining)

Minutes from December 14, 2017 approved 2-0-1 (Vern Worthen abstaining)

Shelley Rudnicki asked to speak for a few minutes as a candidate for Representative from Mercer, Smithfield and Fairfield to the Maine House of Representatives. She believes this is a good time in her life to run for this office. She is currently Chairwoman of SAD 49 School Board, and is a business owner in Fairfield.

Assessing: Fran Varney has completed the sales data analysis of recent property sales in Mercer and sent the information to Maine Revenue Services. In 2018 the state will review the sales with Fran and Gerry to develop Mercer's ratio for the coming year.

Continuing articles: The Selectmen approved printing a list of current continuing articles in the 2017 annual report.

Harvesting in the Town Forest: Selectmen discussed Daren Turner's recommendation for a boundary line survey of Map 10, Lots 8, 16 and 17 to resolve any boundary issues before logging on those lots.

Correspondence:

- SAD 54 School Board minutes.
- Thank you letters for turkey pies.

Summer Roads

- (1) Culverts being ordered from Gagnon, possibly fabric too.
- (2) Transfer Station pole is all set.
- (3) Yolanda has estimate for Warren & Kincaid bill, she will ask for their final figure.
- (4) Two narrow spots on Ladd Road need widening (shoulders, ditching) – Fred LaPlante.  
It is like a one lane road in those two places.

Deadline for new articles for 2018 Town Meeting Warrant is January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Articles:

- Overage in MEMIC bill can come from contingency article.
- Transfer station article – building needs reinforcement in 2018.

Town election vacancies:

No nomination papers have been taken out for School Board or two Planning Board members.

Town Building:

- Two bids to be received for backup propane system, with both bidders using same specifications, to replace the non-functioning oil furnace.
- Propane boiler to be paid out of Mercer Community Center Fund, money then to be replaced when the town forest is harvested.

Warrant approved: 3-0

Spirit of America 2018 Mercer Historical Society 3-0

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Varney, Secretary