

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting November 16, 2017
(approved 12/28/17)

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. Present at the meeting: Selectmen Vern Worthen and Norman Redlevske; Tax Collector and Treasurer Yolanda Violette; Secretary Fran Varney; Donnie and Julia Howard; Dana Knight (first response); Fred LaPlante.

Minutes from October 26, 2017 approved 2-0.

LRAP: Pike is doing the LRAP paving project today and tomorrow (Nov 16-17).

Roads:

Donnie -

- Need culvert for Brown Road work. Gerry cleaned up the brush on Brown Road.
- Additional town wide grading this fall will depend on the weather.
- Terry Warren requested repair of dip and hole on Rome Road

Yolanda –

- East Sandy River Road needs grading (washed out near Bilodeau) – Vern will tell Donnie
- Mirror on Hampshire Hill – also needs new post (old one snapped off) – Vern will ask Chris to find post
- Fred LaPlante has a culvert to donate on his land that could help n Bacon Road
- Rome Road Extension request for road work – Vern needs telephone number for the taxpayers making request

First Response:

- Dana Knight will be having surgery in December and will be not be available for about 8 weeks.
- The team answered about 56 calls so far this year. They loaned out portable oxygen tanks to people during the power outage.
- Issue with spotty reception on radios in parts of the town. They are using pagers loaned by Norridgewock Fire Dept.
- Mercer budget has funds for training of three more residents @\$849 each. A training course would need 10 participants, and other towns can send people to be trained.
- AED battery needs servicing, and Dana will have it fixed.
- Aaron may be at the next meeting on 11/30.

Animal Control Officer

- Kathleen Ross is back on the job. Robert Crosby is willing to fill in when we need him.

Code Enforcement Officer/LPI vacancy

- Robert Dunphy is in the hospital, not sure when he can work again.
- Try to find temporary replacement – check with CEO's from neighboring towns.
- Yolanda has been in touch with Norridgewock; their CEO-LPI is willing.
- Vern contacted Smithfield, their CEO-LPI is not available.

Mercer Community Center – Town Office ceiling has a leak

Thanksgiving gifts – turkeys and 7 dinners available to give.

Christmas turkey pies – there are 64 households on the list

November 30th meeting – Charity article donations to be determined

Treasurer – only 3 foreclosures for 2015 liens

Heating - 5 tons of pellets were delivered'
Bob's Cash Fuel installed larger propane tank

Town Insurance Policies for 2018 - Increase of \$600

Warrant approved 2-0

MDOT permit for Brown Road work (intersection with Rt 2)

Assessing
Fran briefly discussed recent sales analysis figures, some are very good.

Shaw Library
Shaw Library plans to apply for a Mug Up! (senior gathering place) grant through Somerset Public Health. Somerset Public Health would like the Town of Mercer to be the fiscal agent, to receive the grant money and to disburse it. Shaw Library has asked Somerset Public Health if the grant can be disbursed in one check, with Shaw Library providing the accounting.

Town Forest – Daren Turner will complete forestry work before snow flies.

Adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Varney, Secretary