

SELECTMEN MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2018

(Approved Nov. 8, 2018)

- Meeting opened by Vern Worthen at 7:08 pm. Present Vern Worthen, Chris Tibbetts (at 7:12), Gerry Redlevske, Secretary Fran Varney, Treasurer Yolanda Violette, Forester Daren Turner, Donnie and Julia Howard, Fred LaPlante.
- **Minutes approved** 2-0
- **Summer Roads**
 - Two figures available for summer roads expenditures – Kincaid’s and Donnie’s recent work, leaving approximately \$7200 for additional summer road work
 - Grading to do - Bacon Road beyond Bean Road, and Ladd Road
 - Fix culvert that has popped up on Ladd Road and fill pot hole on Ladd Road
 - Fix wash out near stop sign on Brown Road (entrance to Rt 2)
 - Cold patch place near Greaney’s
 - Work on crumbling shoulder near salt shed
 - West Sandy River Road on list for next summer – more calcium, perhaps roll it?
- **Town forest harvest**
 - Daren submitted a letter to the Town showing his notification to 13 potential bidders as to the outcome of the bid on Oct. 11. He also submitted information about weather conditions for the next 14 days, as well as printouts describing the White pine needle disease and Insect & Disease Conditions for Maine dated August 13, 2018.
 - Daren’s recommendation to the Town is to wait to harvest the town forest under frozen conditions as set forth in the bid; to do otherwise, in his opinion, would be to lower the standards. He also recommends minimizing risk of stress to the trees by avoiding site disturbances during the growing season.
 - These recommendations are based on information now known to foresters (whereas in the past, harvests were possible year round as long as the logger avoided bad places).
 - Gerry who was awarded the contract on October 11 agreed to the recommendations made by Daren.
 - Daren wants the boundary line to be agreed upon, and for Fran to review the surveyed boundary line.
- **Hazard Mitigation Plan** – received, signed and filed.
- **MVR due November 1, 2018** reviewed and signed.
- **Keel Hood** will do the 2019 audit for \$3300 (increase of \$150)
- **Transfer station blue bags** –
Yolanda needs to order more.
Chris may write up an article for town meeting to see if Town would like to discontinue blue bags.
- **The Town Office** will be **closed November 21st**, due to the **Thanksgiving** holiday. Nomination papers will be available at the town office on November 26th and must be returned by January 2nd.
- **Assessing, tax collection, and treasurer** - In order to get the discounted price of \$2119 for the TRIO conversion, the Town needs to sign up by 10/31/18. Selectmen approved 3-0.

- **Winter roads contract (town roads) - Equipment** will be ready by November 1st. Insurance coverage will be submitted by Vern.
- **2016 tax liens** – Of the thirteen 30-day notices mailed out, only 5 remain to be paid.
- **Winter plow contract** for the transfer station and the Mercer Community Center. Bid information will be posted at town office, transfer station and Christy's. It will also be on the town's website and included in the monthly town e-mail. Bids will be due November 8 at 3 pm.
- **Citizen inquiry** – One citizen preferred curtains in election voting booths. They are not required, and the booths are much easier to use without the curtains.
- **Furnace - The** oil boiler is on the warrant (F.W. Webb). Tax exempt certificate is needed for F. W. Webb. Total cost \$17,419.30. To be paid now from MCC Reserve Fund, then reimbursed from the town forest harvest account proceeds when available.
- **Warrant – approved 3-0**
- **Future meetings scheduled for Nov. 8, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, Dec. 27**

Meeting adjourned 10 pm