

SELECTMEN MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2019

(approved 2/7/19)

- **Meeting** opened by Vern Worthen at 7:10 pm. Present Vern Worthen, Chris Tibbetts, Gerry Redlevske, Secretary Fran Varney, Treasurer Yolanda Violette, CEO Brenton LaMarre, Eric Everett, Fred LaPlante, Julia Howard; and arriving at different times for Budget Committee 7:30 meeting: Budget Committee Chair Bob Gardner, Budget Committee members Ray Charles, Jesse Crandall, Jason Juskewitch, Sarah Bunker-Geyer.
- Brief discussion between Brenton LaMarre and Eric Everett regarding a CEO/PB matter, they were informed that the Planning Board will meet on Tuesday Feb.19 at 7 pm. (No Selectmen action taken.)
- **Citizens'** requests/comments:
 - (1) Ray Charles stated that the plowing is much improved since the last meeting, also that all three trucks with wings need to be in good condition and ready to go during each storm.
 - (2) He also suggested that the next time the winter roads contract goes out to bid, that the bid process begin earlier so that the successful bidder has plenty of time to get the equipment purchased and ready.
 - (3) Ray also suggested that if Mercer uses more salt in the salt-sand mixture, that bidding on the plow contract might become more competitive.
- At 7:30, the Selectmen turned the meeting over to Budget Committee Chair Bob Gardner. (See separate notes). When the Budget Committee ended, the Selectmen resumed their meeting.
- The Treasurer's Warrant preview was approved 3-0.
- Residents sent thank you messages for Vern Worthen's work pushing back roads, better sanding and clearing the Brown Road-Route 2 intersection.
- A few people mentioned ice in the salt/sand mixture in the salt shed.
- Town forest harvest payment received in the amount of \$1156.41.
- Vern has sent an email to Shane Alexson regarding late installment payments on unpaid taxes.
- Annual Town Report and Meeting details:
 - (1) Vern will write a dedication to people losing family members and friends to cancer and in memory of those who died from cancer.
 - (2) Suggestion by Jason Juskewitch that Bill Toth's years of service to Town be noted.
 - (3) 2019 Spirit of America honor to be given to First Responders (Mercer Rescue Service).
 - (4) There will not be a town public supper before the town meeting this year.
 - (5) Paul Mills has been contacted and will moderate at the town meeting on March 2.
 - (6) Meeting will begin at 6 pm.
- Warrant approved and signed 3-0

Meeting adjourned around 10:15 pm