

SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2017 / 1:00 pm

Town Hall Community Room

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:**

Melissa Randall called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Present were Dale Gray and Michael Wark, and Alvina Church, Interim Town Manager. The recorder was not working during this session as the battery was flat.

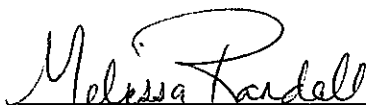
**ITEM 2: WORKSHOP:**

The following topics were discussed by the Board and Interim Town Manager:


- A. Fire Chief Jeff Willey requested \$61,500 for the Fire Department. Mike Wark and Dale Gray want to fund the fire department at \$55,000. Melissa Randall explained about previous agreements with the Fire Department, but was overruled.
- B. TM will check on the price to remove the credit card reader in the Town Office.
- C. Dale Gray and Mike Wark expressed a desire to replace the full time, 36-hour Deputy Clerk's position with 2 assistant clerks working BMV and as assistant Tax Collectors, working 30 hours per week with no benefits. The purpose stated was to open the counter 5 days a week and stay open until 6 pm on two days, and lower the costs of Town operations. Melissa Randall and Alvina Church are not in favor of this proposal as there are no actual cost savings, there are only 2 work stations behind the counter and the Town Clerk uses one of them full time. There is no room behind the counter for 3 people and a Town Manager. Also, they feel, the DTC position is skilled work and should be compensated above minimum wage.
- D. Alvina will call SAD 4 about locking in on the price of heating oil with the school.
- E. Dale Gray and Mike Wark expressed a desire to eliminate the Public Works Director position and give it to the new Town Manager. Melissa Randall does not think it is necessary to eliminate positions. She feels that we need to wait and see what the snow plowing bids are before making any decisions. These will not be opened until February 7<sup>th</sup>. There still needs to be a half time position in the summer.
- F. MMA legal needs to be contacted about "implied liability" of cleaning the sidewalks.
- G. The Patterson Septic Contract was questioned.
- H. The Board discussed combining all reserve accounts into one capital reserve account at the suggestion of the Auditor. Specifics will be determined with the help of the Auditor. Also, the Board intends to follow the Auditor's advice on eliminating carry forwards.

**ITEM 3: ADJOURNMENT:**

Melissa Randall made the motion seconded by Dale Gray to adjourn at 4:30 pm. Motion passed 3-0.

  
Melissa Randall

  
Dale Gray

  
Michael Wark