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Board of Selectmen Minutes 12/23/2013

TOWN OF LISBON
SELECTMENS OFFICE
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
December 23, 2013

PRESENT: Mike Carver (MC), Conrad Farnham (CF)

Greg Colby (GC), Tanis Tavernier (TT), Jenny Trelfa (JT)

PUBLIC: P. Nightingale (PN), H. Fitzgerald (HF), B. Deming (BD), C. Taylor (CT), J. Taylor (JT), P. Gagnon (PG), G. Stevens (GS), J. Marshall (JM), D. Combs (DC), M. Taylor (MT).

MC made motion to open meeting, 2nd by CF. All in favor.

MC asked PG if he was recording meeting, TT explained laws on recording a meeting. PG stated he was going to but machine didn't seem to be working.

MC said he had a statement to read, explaining dates, facts and events in regards to new ambulance and transfer service. He explained current status of the talks between the Board, Town Council and DRA. Asked for no questions while reading.

After reading statement P. Nightingale stated, blaming him for everything.

MC – Responded, stated facts, sticking with the statement.

P. Gagnon – Asked why shut down a revenue stream, why not shut down a town truck or cruiser. How much would it cost to keep A1 running. Board have walked away from revenue, they were not instructed by DRA or Town Council.

MC – Cannot keep service running as Life Squad over budget.

P. Nightingale – Need to go back 2 years, how do we fix it? Said LGC had said you have screwed up and how to fix it can do unanticipated up to a certain amount. LGC would not put in writing. The longer it doesn't run the worse it gets. Don't we start a new budget in 2014?

G.Colby – Explained the revenue is not unanticipated funds. He went on to say we have to stick with current budget lines.

P. Gagnon – Can we clarify this is not 2 services.

MC – We have not asked town permission to do this.

T. Tavernier – asked permission to speak. How much do you expect to come back to general fund and help lower tax rate?

P. Gagnon – Responded, from 90K depends how much Department Heads overspend.

T. Tavernier – What about 40/60 split vote.

P. Gagnon – Stated that's illegal.

P. Nightingale – Questioned if voted on, had discussed it.

T. Tavernier – Asked if Nightingale would like to see the meeting minutes. It needs to get fixed, they are not volunteers, they get compensated, and they earn pay. They could volunteer time until March, if voted yes at meeting they can be paid, if not lose money. Transfers are usually private sector. If going to run service would have to weigh up the morality of running a private service against helping out the tax rate. The 25% account is ok, the account after that is the problem. Everything happened so quickly, so many loopholes. Can they come up with a plan for the March meeting?

MC – Board has more things Council is working on, takes time.

More talk on unanticipated. P. Gagnon stated RSA says over 5000 can be unanticipated. Again G. Colby explained it is not unanticipated.

J. Marshall – May be a long shot, but could the Town lease the ambulance to the Life Squad, the lease would be revenue to town.

MC – Would have to look into the liability

Talk about the accounts.

How long would it take for a special meeting?

J. Marshall – Could Life Squad members give notes to work with no pay until Town Meeting?

Would have to check with Labor Board.

T. Tavernier – Not just pay, it is fuel and running costs as well.

P. Nightingale – The budgets have been cut back over last couple of years to bare minimum and there is a little in each budget.

G. Colby – Cannot go over bottom line figure. You can take it in, but no appropriation, so cannot spend.

P. Nightingale - If we are volunteers, can they defer payment? Board stated things might have to change in the future.

P. Gagnon responded they could structure as a non-profit then the board and town would have no say.

T. Tavernier - Make a plan to justify what needs to be spent, so voters have it in black and white. Then it might go through and it might not, down to voters.

P. Nightingale - Will service be able to start again?

G. Colby - Special meeting is to ratify what has been done, no appropriation, would have to go to Superior Court to request a Special Meeting with appropriation. That could take us to Town Meeting.

J. Marshall -So service could only be done on a truly volunteer. D. Combs, P. Gagnon, G. Colby – Still have costs.

MC – Need to let Council and DRA work on it. Service will stay on hold until we hear any different.

P. Gagnon – Would like to present petition to Board, signed by Lisbon's residents requesting service be reinstated immediately.

D. Combs – Trying to correct everything the right way. Things have accumulated wrong and now have to corrected.

The Board reiterated that if they have any questions come in and speak to the Board at any Monday meeting, if need be meetings can be convened with twenty four hour notice.

Life Squad members left meeting.

J. Trelfa – Could the Board make a correction to the Minutes of 12/9/13? The date reads 12/12/2013.

MC made a motion to correct the date, CF 2nd, all in favor.

G. Colby – What timeline on budget? Board has met with some department heads, still have Fire, Life Squad and TC/TC to see. Have to sort out Budget Hearing date. GC will be in office 12/30/2013 will discuss then.

MC made a motion to accept meeting minutes, CF 2nd, all in favor.

NON PUBLIC, BUFFINGTON APPLICATIONS RSA 91:A3 III

MC made motion and CF 2nd to go into Executive Session, taking GC and S. Tavernier with them.

PUBLIC

Board went through manifest and bills.

ST – Terry Welch, has been given a copy of his new contract to look.

Kevin and Fred had met with the woman to do with lights incentive, they will report back once they get a report back from her.

CF made motion to adjourn, 2nd MC, so voted.