



**TOWN OF LISBON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
INCORPORATED 1763**

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday January 20, 2020
6:30 pm
Railroad Station**

PRESENT: Scott Champagne, Selectman-Chair; Brian Higgins, Selectman; Arthur Boutin, Selectman

PUBLIC: John Northrop III (Armstrong Avenue); Judy Northrop (Armstrong Avenue); Stephen Morrison (Armstrong Avenue); Christine Morrison (Armstrong Avenue)

Approval of minutes from January 13th BOS meeting: Brian Higgins made a motion to approve the January 13th BOS meeting minutes as written and Arthur Boutin seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Brian Higgins made a motion to approve the January 13th BOS Non-Public minutes as written and Arthur Boutin seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Follow Up on Tax Payment Plans: Scott Champagne (Chair) made follow up calls to residents that were discussed at last weeks meeting. Owners of Map U03 L27 stated they plan to have some work done by February and then another \$6000.00 will be paid on back taxes. Scott Champagne (Chair) did call the owner of Map U04 L48 but was unsuccessful as the mailbox was full. Scott Champagne (Chair) did contact Peter Wotjul and was informed that he actually passed away in December

of 2019. Scott stated he was told they are aware they owe back taxes, but they haven't looked at the WILL yet and they have once building up for sale and if it sells that money will be used to help with the taxes. They asked for a bit more time due to the circumstances.

Potential Warrant Articles: Horizons Engineering has suggested a warrant article for the 2020 town meeting. This warrant article is for the Sewer Asset Management. The board discussed this and doesn't recommend this to be placed as a warrant article for this year.

Another potential warrant article is for Water System-Construction Project. Horizons stated that on this one the Board of Selectmen can verbally commit to the voters that they would only take the loan if they receive a certain percentage of grant funds.

The board discussed this and feels that they will set the goal of about 85%.

FairPoint Communications-Settlement: There has been an ongoing lawsuit between FairPoint Communications and several towns in NH for the way they have been taxed. Shawn Tanguay (DrummondWoodsum Attorneys at Law) represents the Town of Lisbon in this case. Shawn had left a message back in December to talk to someone in reference to a settlement that FairPoint was offering towns. He requested that someone touch base with him. Selectman Arthur Boutin contacted Mr. Tanguay and he stated it would be best if he came up and met with the board and discussed the settlement with them. Scott Champagne (Chair) asked Krystle Dow (Administrative Assistant) to reach out to our current Town Council (Walter Mitchell) and have him contact Shawn directly and see what the settlement offer is and get his input. Walter did reach out to Shawn who responded in a not so friendly manor, he stated if Lisbon wants his (Walter's) approval on any settlement offer then he thinks Walter should handle this issue directly. He (Shawn) provided the settlement offer from Matt Johnson (FairPoint's Legal Counsel). Shawn then went on to tell Walter he would file a withdrawal from all of Lisbon's pending cases in this matter and he would notify Walter and (the town as well) when they get filed so Walter has the opportunity to get is appearance filed shortly thereafter. Walter responded to Shawn stating it is not necessary and the town has not asked him to withdraw. Walter stated he didn't request they proceed this way its just that the town would like input on the issue. Shawn stated that the town should settle the case prior to the NH Supreme Court's decision as the offer may be pulled off the

table. Scott Champagne (Chair) stated that he didn't feel as though Shawn needed to meet with the board to provide the settlement offer as he thought he could explain it to Walter as the town would seek town counsel advice anyway. Scott stated that Walter represents quite a few other towns in this matter, and he would know the information and Shawn not so much. Scott stated that Shawn wants to town to take the offer of a 10% discount. Scott Champagne (Chair) stated that Shawn came up with the numbers (which he didn't, FairPoint's Legal Counsel did.) The bottom number with a 10% discount is \$58,139.00. This is for years 2011-2016. The board is curious about years 2017, 2018, and 2019. There was an appeal filed with three towns where the town of Belmont won the appeal and the two other towns did not. The board wants to know where Lisbon falls according to Belmont and why did Belmont prevail, and the other two towns didn't. Scott Champagne (Chair) sent Walter an email and stating he would be in the office on Wednesday and would like a call explaining this.

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These residents came before the board in reference the traffic problem on Armstrong Ave in reference to a daycare on the street. The residents stated that they are often blocked from getting to and or from their homes. Steve Morrison stated that back in 2015 when Chairman Champagne was on the Zoning Board there were issues back then. This street is not big enough with the amount of traffic it has. Steve stated that he had gone to the previous building inspector in reference to the daycare years ago. They have been to the police (which works some of the time if the residents listen to the police) and the issue keeps growing. They (Northrop's and Morrison's) state the street is a zoo. They would like to know what can be done to help correct the issue. They have spoken to the owner of the daycare several times and often seem to get nowhere. Anytime they speak to parents about parking or ask them to move they aren't treated very well. They just really want something done about this. It seems as everyone agrees that they are more than likely over the limit on children as they have been in the past. The board has suggested sending the building inspector up there for starters. They have taken photos in which they will send to the board of how bad the traffic is. These residents often get blocked from getting into their own homes or when they want to get out the are blocked in. Scott Champagne stated to send the board the photos and they will also send the building inspector up there as well. He asked that they give him a

few weeks before they follow up with them as it's budget season. They all agreed and stated they will make sure they provide the photos.

Assessing: CNP has sent their three-year general assessing contract to the board and KRT also sent a three-year contract. The board has decided to read over both before deciding.

Other: Scott Champagne was wondering why Officer Carney was on the payroll twice. Arthur Boutin stated it appears that two-time sheets were submitted, and one was for the previous week. (That is correct as a time sheet never got turned in for the week before)

Scott Champagne stated that he had sent warrant articles Greg Colby as he doesn't have access to the portal. He stated he can only view the portal. He stated he would check with Administrative Assistant (Krystle Dow) to see if she has put them up on the portal. The Administrative Assistant (Krystle Dow) does not have access to the portal in which he is referencing only Greg Colby and Jennifer Trelfa have access to this portal.

There is no accounts payable manifest to sign as department heads didn't come into the office today. Scott Champagne stated that department heads didn't come in because Krystle Dow (Administrative Assistant) wasn't in today. Correction: the administrative assistant was in but did not have the office open to the public.

Scott Champagne stated that the water has been turned on at what is going to be the new hair salon. He stated that highway went last week and there was a car parked in the way, so they had to wait for it to be moved. Highway then went back another day and it was frozen. Yesterday the highway crew had to use a steamer but were able to get the water on.

Reminder: Budget Hearing next Monday January 27, 2020 at 6pm at the Lisbon Public Library

7:31 PM Brian Higgins made a motion to adjourn and Arthur Boutin seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

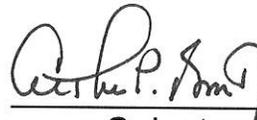
NEXT BOS MEETING: January 27, 2020 @ 6pm at the Lisbon Regional School Library.

Respectfully submitted by Krystle Dow

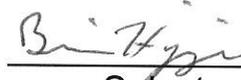
Board of Selectmen:



Chairman
Scott Champagne



Selectmen
Arthur Boutin



Selectmen
Brian Higgins

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on: 01/27/2020