

# TOWN OF LISBON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

04/14/ 2014

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Conrad Farnham (CF), Donald Butson (DB), and Stephen Knox (SK)

SELECTMENT'S OFFICE: Suzanne Tavernier

3:04 CF made motion to open meeting, SK 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted

**SELECTMEN MATTERS:** Board reviewed bills, manifest, timber and gravel warrants.

**GROVEHILL CEMETERY:** Todd Colby told the Board he had a few things to speak to the Board about. 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Clark had contacted Todd about the house near cemetery, Doris Gamlin's house. There has been a "mudslide" from water running down the bank behind her house. He said it's the bank/hill it is not town property so he does not know what the town can do about it. The town's property line is at the tree line.

SK-Asked have you seen it?

TC-Yes, it looks like all the material came down off the hill.

DB- Asked did you tell her you would bring it to our attention.

TC-Yeah, I told her it was up to you,(Board)

SK-Asked does this pose any danger to the cemetery?

TC-Said No, it's down the bank below the tree line

CF-Said there has been water coming down that hill and street all winter

TC-Asked you want me to tell her she is on her own?

SK-Said let us take care of it, thanks for passing it on

DB-Said yes, thanks for telling us

TC-Said the other thing I need to speak to the Board about is summer help, do you want to advertise? I contacted the guy who has worked before.

DB-Asked how has it been done in the past

TC- Word of mouth, talking to people

SK-Asked how many hours are involved?

TC-Answered between 30 and 30 ½ hours a week

SK-Asked Suze what is considered full time by town's policies?

ST-Over 30 eligible for some benefits

CF- Stated we need to check with Greg, we need to have him review

TC-Said in the past it's been just me. My father ran it for years so if I need any information on things I go to him

SK- Stated we can't really answer you yet, we need a little time. How much time do you need?

TC-Said, I am already two weeks behind.

CF.  
DBB  
SKK

DB-Asked what department does this fall under?

TC-Said there is a fund in which I got paid from

ST- Stated currently the town pays the payroll and all the bills and the trust fund reimburses the town

DB- Said, Suze do you know why it's being done this way?

ST-Explained the Town is in the process of taking ownership of the cemetery, so the town began to oversee the cemetery, last year.

TC-Said we used to have insurance for vandalism and don't know if we still have that or not

ST-The town receives bill for insurance, pays the bills and the trust pays the town back

SK-Asked how many hours a week do you need help?

TC-Said around 20

SK-Said so you work 60 hours a week? We have to have Greg look at the whole thing. I would like to get his take on it.

TC-Said he will wait but he needs to get ready, he has burials in May and it takes about a month to get it ready

SK-Said I appreciate that, but we would like to have Greg look at it

TC-Said he will hold off until they give him answers as to what to do

SK-Said the Dept. Head meeting is this week; maybe we could have some kind of answer by then

TC-Said I hope so, but I will hold off until I hear

DB- Stated hopefully we will have an answer for you in a few days

TC- Said yeah I just wanted to hear from you first, I will hold off, we need to do it right

SK-Said I know this is not the answer you were looking for, but

TC-Said yeah, well we need to do it right

SK-Said to Farnham, so can you go up and look

CF-Said he would go up and look at the property near the cemetery and see what if anything we need to do

TC-Said he will just wait to hear back from the Board

**SELECTMEN'S MATTERS:** SK- stated that Jan Marshall had expressed an interest in serving on the Planning Board. It was noted that Jan had stated she would be out of the country a great deal, which brought up concerns about quorums.

CF-Made a motion to accept minutes as written DB 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted all

The Board reviewed a time line for special hearing to change selectmen to agents to the Fire Truck Reserve Fund

The hearing will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>

The Board reviewed an application to the Conservation Comm. CF made a motion to appoint Rosalind Paige DB 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted all

SK-Said he would like to see if Skylar Boutin would be interested in the Conservation Commission as well.

**NON-PUBLIC:** Buffington **Fund applications (RSA 91:a3III)** CF made motion to enter non-public to review applications DB 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted all

**PUBLIC-SELECTMEN'S MATTERS:** ST asked the Board if they wanted Upstage stage players to be billed. They had not yet paid for March or April  
DB-Said we should follow through what the previous Board approved, send them a bill for March and April  
SK-Said I agree  
CF- Said we have been very patient it's time

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Jennifer Trelfa- Said I have a concern the Board are just getting the abatement from Trumbull, but no true figures. With these two you signed last week, we are refunding over \$1000.00

SK-We already approved these, right

JT-Said you need to have the assessor tell you the total amount on the value of home and the total amount of abatement

DB- Said I agree

JT-Told the Board that 142 lien notices and 40 deed notices have been mailed out.

DB- Asked what the process is.

JT-Said the ones that just received the lien notice will be ready for deed in 3 years. Some of the deeds were waived last year; people were on payment plans but have stopped paying

SK-Would like to have Greg look at those ones in particular

JT-Said Greg will be looking at one that owes over 180,000.00

SK-Said I would like to know what Greg suggestions are

DB- Said If it goes to deed we need to take a look at the property, it all needs to be looked at

JT-Said some have mortgages, those will be paid

DB- Said He would prefer the Bank take it not the town

ST- Said when Jenny had a part time position, I would spend most of my time working on payment plans, getting people signed up and kept after it, now that position is gone and I don't have time with all I do.

JT-Said it's a lot of work, and when I had Suze she took care of it

SK- Asked how many are still on payment plans

JT-Answered, about 10-15. She said, that's all I had to speak to the Board about. Just wanted to let you know what's coming.

SK-Asked what happened to the interest with payment plans

JT-Said once in lien, 18% interest is added regardless of payment plan

ST-Said but if they make payments the interest does not compound as quickly and we would show them that

JT-Said, she has a man who pays \$100.00 every week and has paid down a lot. When they pay regularly they see it. The problem is a lot just stop paying.

SK made a motion to adjourn DB 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted all

