

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes February 22, 2016

7:00 pm Meeting called to order by Board Chair, John Quinlan. Also in attendance were Selectmen Jack Esposito and Jim Whipple. Board reviewed the last few meeting's minutes.

- Esposito motioned, seconded by Whipple to approve the minutes of January 25, 2016 as written. All in favor.
- Esposito motioned, seconded by Whipple to approve the minutes of February 2, 2016 as written. All in favor.
- Esposito motioned, seconded by Whipple to approve the minutes of February 8, 2016 as written. All in favor.

Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

7:20 pm David Sturm, Town Moderator, came in to touch base with the Board before Town Elections and Town Meeting.

- Sturm said that he had met with the budget committee, and that he believes that the only difference between what the Selectmen are supporting and what the Budget Committee support is Warrant Article # 10; the \$50,000 for the building studies. The Budget Committee feels that the library should not be included.
- He attended the 2016 Moderators Workshop, and believes that the Moderator should go every year, as things change frequently at the State level. Board agreed.
- Sturm would like to have an assistant moderator appointed for next year; someone who would also attend training, and could step in seamlessly in an emergency. He would like to add a \$100 stipend to the 2017 budget for this purpose.
- He felt that the primary went well, but mentioned that the Supervisors of the Checklist had some trouble making their numbers come out.

7:40 pm Board reviewed a bid to take 2 very large trees down. The trees are on Old Amherst Road, and one is leaning on the other. The bid was \$3,700 using a crane, and \$2,000 if it could be done without the crane.

Quinlan said that those numbers sounded too high, and asked to have Ypya get more quotes.

8:00 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Whipple motioned, seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie M. Brown