

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE – TOWN OF SURRY

SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were Jay Croteau, Bruce Smith and Eric Eichner.

Bruce Smith stated the tax rate for the town had been set at \$24.82 with the use of \$120,000.00 from surplus with the overlay set at \$10,400.00 Due to the reduced revenue for the school budget from the state, the school portion had been significantly increased. The final school payment for catchup will be \$192,000.00 in June 2016. The selectmen signed the tax warrant.

The notice for the Hazard Mitigation meeting on October 7, 2015 was posted.

The selectmen opened the single bid from Jason Marin of Butternut Drive , Keene NH. The bid of \$21,000.00 was accepted by the selectmen with a purchase and sale agreement filed out with the conditions of an acceptable title search with Bruce Smith signing for the town. A closing date of November 9, 2015 was set at Attorney Gary Kinyon's office. The Town of Surry will hold check # 3432860 in the amount of \$500.00 from Service Credit Union as a deposit with the balance due at the closing.

The selectmen signed payroll.

The selectmen discussed the Eversource appeal as past the April 1, 2015 deadline.

Jay Croteau motioned to accept the minutes. Eric Eichner seconded the motion. The selectmen agreed to accept the minutes.

The selectmen discussed the complaints about the Avitar assessor with several residents calling the state police about him. Jay Croteau has posted the assessor will be doing data verification in the coming weeks on the website. Bruce Smith has replied to Judy Lundah about the data verification.

The Town of Surry received check # 7882 from Katherine Richardson for building permit #1046 for a deck.

The selectmen signed the EFTPS payment for payroll.

Selectmen Chris Reitman from Alstead spoke extensively with the selectmen about the Silvio O Conte Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan draft and the impact of acreage being affected for the surrounding towns including Surry. The draft proposes the federal acquisition of 3,714.96 privately owned acres in Surry for conservation which would increase the federal presence in the town by 37%. The question arose if the acquisition would be compliant with the RSA 121.6 the Limitations on the Right to Acquire. Selectmen Reitman encouraged the selectmen to attend the November 5, 2015 meeting in Keene before the November 16, 2015 deadline to voice their concerns. Bruce Smith offered to calculate the Army Corp of Engineers total land in Surry as part of the measurement needed.

Henry Underwood of Southwest Regional Planning Commission was invited by the selectmen to discuss the best use of the culvert survey. Mr. Underwood supplied two copies of a larger scale map of the culverts surveyed which interfaces with the hard copy of GPS coordinates, culvert pictures and map inserts. The road surface from the Joslin Road Bridge up to the Old Walpole Road was corrected to a gravel road. The selectmen discussed the issues discovered by the survey and the best means of addressing the problems including replacing and upsizing culverts. They also discussed the issues of DES applications for stream crossings and town's policy on class VI roads. Mr. Underwood stated he would be available to assist with the information for the DES.

John Davis asked for an abutters list.

Jay Croteau corrected the new email and it is now running.

The selectmen signed and paid bills.

Bruce Smith motioned to adjourn. Eric Eichner seconded the motion. The selectmen agreed to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.