

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE – TOWN OF SURRY

SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 29. 2018

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

Buddy Bardwell declined the Town of Surry 's offer to annex the empty lot next to him

The selectmen discussed the 2018 trial ratio.

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

The selectmen discussed Attorney Gary Kinyon's response to the pole abatement . The selectmen signed the letter to Avitar to negotiate and settle the abatement. The offer from NNTEC is for no interest for two years and to settle the disputed abatement for 2016 and 2017.

Bruce Smith plans on attending the committee meetings in Concord on the Assessment formula for the case.

Nancy Best asked to have a utility light installed on the telephone pole across the street from her house to help light the area for loading the special needs student living in her rental unit onto the morning bus. Bruce Smith explained the town 's policy only stated the town was responsible for utility lights at road intersections. She asked for a waiver. The selectmen declined the request . The selectmen suggesting she put a exterior light on her house to light the area. She asked about having the issue put on the town warrant. Bruce Smith explained she could check the state website for how to petition for a warrant to do so.

Josh Brooks spoke with the selectmen about the addition to the fire station. They discussed the bonding issue, the warrant articles for the town meeting and how to best present the project to the Budget Committee in January. They discussed splitting the project into two pieces, - side bay and back office, storage and handicap access bathroom.

Durwin Clark spoke with the selectmen about his difficulty in ordering salt from Morton Salt. Jay Croteau will contact the main office on Tuesday about the account. The selectmen asked him to fill the holes and grade the dirt road in front of the Gray's house next to the town common.

The selectmen signed and paid bills.

The selectmen signed payroll.

John Berglund asked about repairing some of the town hall lights. The exit light in the town hall was repaired as well as the lights in the library.

Jay Croteau contacted Bob Bergevin about the remaining funds in the cemetery budget.

The selectmen discussed the town quotes for insulating the town garage. The first quote for \$4800.00 was only for insulation. The second quote for \$10,908 was for insulation and a plywood covering. The selectmen discussed getting additional quotes.

The equalization data showed evidence of the market crash and placed Surry under the state average.

The selectmen discussed how to use money from the fund balance, including warrant articles and permission from DRA and budget committee.

The Bruce Smith reported the grant application for the lower Pond Rd culvert had been declined for this round but may be eligible for future rounds. They discussed the vote of the towns people at town meeting as well as the need for a quote for the no culvert option.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.