

1 **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING**
2 **Wednesday January 3rd 2018**
3 **Plainfield Library**
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5 Selectmen present: Robert Taylor
6 Ron Eberhardt
7 Judy Belyea
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9 The meeting opened at 6:15pm
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12 **Public Comments:** Fire Warden Bruce Elder presented the Selectboard with two nominations for
13 Deputy Fire Wardens. The Selectboard approved the requests.
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15 Bruce also provided a briefing to the board on the house fire at #17 Ferry Hill Road. The house
16 was fully involved by the time the call came in. The department was able to save the detached
17 garage. The extreme cold created an abundance of problems. The Plainfield community is
18 rallying around the family.
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20 Virginia Drye met with the Selectmen to continue her discussions about the rededication of the
21 WWI Service Memorial next November.
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23 **Town Business:** The Selectmen reviewed the proposed plan for replacing two bridges next
24 summer. The first will be the Camp Road bridge once school is out, followed by the Houser Lane
25 bridge. Houser will require a temporary bridge that will be installed by the contractor prior to
26 starting work on Camp. This will allow the highway department to remove the Houser lane bridge
27 while the other one is being installed. The two projects will cost about \$200,000 and will be paid.
28 50% by monies received from the state of New Hampshire, SB 38. The Board of Selectmen
29 approved the plan.
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31 The remainder of the meeting was spent fine tuning the 2018 warrant and budget. The
32 Selectboard meets next with the Finance Committee on January 17th.
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34 The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm
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37 Robert Taylor, Chair
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40 Stephen Halleran

Judy Belyea
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1 **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING**
2 **Wednesday January 17th 2018**
3 **Meriden Town Hall**

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5 Selectmen present: Robert Taylor
6 Ron Eberhardt
7 Judy Belyea
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9 The meeting opened at 6:00pm

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11 The Selectboard reviewed and approved a revised fee schedule for building permits. Most fees
12 increased by between \$15 and \$50 depending on the scope of the project. The last update to these
13 fees was in 2008. In developing the new fees the goal is to capture the costs of inspecting, listing
14 and mapping the project covered by the permit while at the same time keeping the cost of permits
15 reasonable. By example the base fee for new homes was \$300 and will now be \$350. A renewal
16 of permit was \$35 and will now be \$50. The Selectboard approved the new fee schedule,
17 effective immediately.
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19 2018 Budget Hearing/Workshop: The remainder of the meeting was spent working on the 2018
20 budget, including the first of two budget hearings. See attached. While generally supportive of
21 the proposal the Finance Committee expressed concern that the town is falling behind with
22 reserve funding for highway equipment. Several finance committee member encouraged the
23 board to look at this issue closely and if necessary adjust the annual contribution upward. The
24 sooner this is done the better. Halleran acknowledged that for some time the town's capital
25 reserve fund shows that repetitive replacement of highway equipment costs more than the
26 \$50,000 that is currently being placed in a fund each year. The town has been hesitant to increase
27 the contribution as it will further increase property taxes. The budget hearing was opened at
28 6:30pm and closed at 8:00pm.
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30 The Selectboard's next meeting will be Wednesday February 7th at 6pm at the Plainfield Library
31 where a second budget hearing will be held.
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