

October 8, 2018 the regular town board meeting was held in the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with all members of the board in attendance. Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. A motion was made to accept the previous month's minutes by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

Old Business: The appearance of the town hall is still continuing and the north side is done, and the south side will be complete when the rain stops. The animal control shelter at Ms. Brown's has been found to be satisfactory by the field inspector for the State. She is still housing dogs from a litigation case in town and the cost to house them is accruing. Sup. Ferguson has hit a wall with talks with Spectrum. He will be reaching out to the Representative in Whitehall since the one for Putnam cannot help us.

New Business: The 2019 budget is still under construction and is not completed to date. There were three meetings held to discuss expenses and Sup. Ferguson will continue to work on it. The discussions about the road humps will be placed on hold since Dan Morin wasn't in attendance at tonight's meeting. The town will be using the services offered by Laberge Group to write a grant for the work to be done on the town hall. Coun. Greenough asked if the grant can include funds to add on to the town highway barn. A discussion ensued about the footage of the current barn and how much space may be needed. The town is hoping that the TDI contract contingency will help with giving the fire companies the necessary monies they are needing to operate. One resolution was passed at tonight's meeting. **Resolution #17-2018** titled **Budget Transfer, General** moves money from the Attorney Contractual, lowering from \$5,000 to \$2,000 and placing the \$3,000 into Supervisor Clerk making the amount from \$3,000 to \$6,000 with a budget impact to Zero. A motion was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor. Coun. Wilbur brought up under New Business that he has an idea for a free book exchange for the town residents. He will be bringing in paperwork at the next meeting to show building construction and he said that it will not be any cost for the town and he will be donating his time and materials to make it. This idea was welcomed by those in attendance.

County Business: Budget discussions are in full swing. There will be additional money needed to internet security as well other areas. Sup. Ferguson will update as meetings continue.

Highway Superintendent's Report: The crew has been very busy since the last meeting. The Clemons Center Road as well as Ottenburgh Road have been repaved and the crew will begin to put down the shoulder material soon. The cost of asphalt has risen 28% since the spring. The crew removed 50 tandem loads by cutting shoulders and ditching on Blue Goose Road and they have started hauling screened sand from Pat Armstrong's pit in Ticonderoga and have already hauled in 1225 yards of the 2000 yards we will put up this season. Some of the equipment repairs include the alternator on the Ford tractor, the oil pan and gasket on the 2001 tandem, the brake caliper, brake pads, and rotors on TD-24. Mr. Hobus has ordered 2 joystick controllers for our 1989 660 grade all and has purchased 4 Dayton rims for the grade all from the county and tires will need to be purchased at \$425 a piece. We will also need to purchase 4 tires for the 2009 Ford 350 and two tires are needed for the mowing tractor. Mr. Hobus has found a better deal for tires at Pete's Tire Barn. The state has picked up the weed equipment for the season. Finally, Putnam Highway Superintendent, Gary Treadway, and Mr. Hobus will be meeting with Dave Wick, the Executive Director for Lake George Park Commission. Both Putnam and Dresden will be given a 300 gallon platform salt brine unit. These units will be used for the pre-icing application and there will be a storage tank installed at the Putnam highway barn holding somewhere between 1000-3000 gallons of brine. Mr. Hobus brought up for the budget process that salt prices are up 6% compared to last year, fuel prices are up 19% from last year, and the cost of asphalt has increased 28% from springtime.

Sup. Ferguson brought up that there will be a Halloween Party being held in the town hall on Saturday, October 27th from 2-4 p.m. Jeanne Ferguson will be organizing this effort and will be sending out flyers.

Public Comment: Anda Stipins-Gang asked about a suggestion she sent out about attending to the needs of the elderly in town and making sure they are checked up on. She wasn't at the previous month's meeting when it was addressed that there is a program in place at the county level. She is willing to volunteer her time to make the necessary phone calls and be the in touch person for the town. She also mentioned her FOIL request for the updated financial statements for the month. Sup. Ferguson responded that he gave the members of the board the financial reports at the budget meeting held earlier on September 11, 2018. When she FOIL requested the reports from the Town Clerk they were not on file in her office and therefore emailed the FOIL to the supervisor. Sup. Ferguson has been using a more friendly format for the reports. There were no further discussions and the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Sup. Ferguson recessed the meeting to have a closed discussion with Whitehall Times reporter Matt Saari and at 7:45 the board entered into Executive Session. The board exited Executive Session at 8:29.

Respectfully Submitted Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk.

Attendance: Breanna Ryder, Clayton Ryder, Linda Barber, Walt Tupper, Jessica Tupper, Isaiah Trombley, Scott Brown, Gary Scott, Erin Perkins, Anda Stipins-Gang, Matt Saari, Whitehall Times.