

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting December 14, 2017  
(approved 2-0-1)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Present at the meeting: Selectmen Chris Tibbetts and Norman Redlevske; Tax Collector and Treasurer Yolanda Violette; Secretary Fran Varney; Daren Turner (Town Forester), Donnie Howard (roads), Fred LaPlante.

Minutes from November 16, 2017 tabled until December 28.

Minutes from November 30, 2017 approved 2-0.

Management Plan for Town Forest - report by Daren Turner:

Map 10 Lots 8, 16, 17 (being 98 acres shown as Stands #1 and #3, last logged 12 years ago)

Reference is made to three attachments to the minutes:

- Two page report dated December 14, 2017
- Signed Stand Type Map dated December 14, 2017
- Attached Town Map 10

(1) Even with lower market prices for pulp and other products, the \$30,000 income still looks possible because of past seven years' growth.

(2) Discussion about schedule (possibly to begin logging winter 2018-2019) and bidding process (including value of references).

(3) Daren Turner recommends a boundary line survey.

(4) Discussion tonight, there will be more discussion and some decisions at next meeting.

Summer Roads (Donnie Howard)

(1) Mercer cleaned the culvert on Pond Road in 2017; in 2018 it will be Smithfield's turn.

(2) Selectmen will look at the Henry Stanford request and respond.

(3) Cynthia Pine tree issue resolved.

(4) Pole needed at Transfer Station.

(5) Recommendation for next year's LRAP (Gerry suggests fabric/gravel on Rome Road Extension; it would provide alternate route)

CEO/LPI

Robert Dunphy is back on the job.

Budget Committee

Selectmen will meet January 11, 2018.

Budget Committee will meet with Selectmen January 18, 2018.

Warrant for Town Meeting should be ready early to mid-February to go to printer.

Audit

Keel Hood has started, he will finish in January.

Mercer Community Center

Leak in town office ceiling.

Propane leak in propane tank fixed.

Cook stove in kitchen needed repair.

Charity article (\$2000.00)

- 65 Hillman's turkey pies being distributed in Mercer - \$630.40
- \$100 to Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County
- \$100 to Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area
- \$100 to Senior Spectrum
- fifteen \$50 certificates at Hannaford's for needy families \$750.00
- \$319.60 certificate at Walmart for non-food items for needy

Donations to Town with no specified purposes

Fred LaPlante – does Mercer have article(s) allowing this?

Answer – Yes (see continuing articles provided by Yolanda and read by Fran)

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Varney, Secretary