

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

Present: Parker Lord, Steven Mattson, John Kiker
Public: William Koch

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. and the minutes for the previous meeting were accepted.

The board approved 2 tax refunds in the amounts of \$145.02 and 87.64 and copies are attached to these minutes.

The transfer of title to the town of the Emerson/Jewett Cemetery was endorsed by the P&Z commission. The title transfer will be presented to the town at the next town meeting for final adoption.

The board again discussed a new state statute that allows municipalities to exempt a portion of property taxes for Gold Star families and surviving spouses within income limits. The board, based on the very limited application in town, agreed not adopt this tax refund ability. The board agreed this issue could be taken up again in the future should circumstances warrant.

The board appointed Kathleen Tisdale to a four year term as the Municipal Agent for the Elderly. This appointment was necessary to comply with state regulations as to term and does not change the individual so appointed.

The board was advised of the meeting schedule of the Board of Finance for the development of the next budget.

Legal assistance for executing an extension of the contract for the Johnston property purchase was requested due to the lack of grant notice from the state.

Selectman Lord reported the completion of installation of cemetery name signs on all town owned cemeteries in town. Congratulations to him for the completion of a dream.

Bill Koch made a request of the board that money be allocated over the next few year budgets to improve the appearance of town and its facilities in an attempt to support real estate values in town. His initial recommendations include the entrance to the transfer station, existing triangles at street intersections, bridges and the selection of guide rail types installed in the future. The board supported the idea of improving the appearance of town infrastructure and will consider the specifics mentioned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Mattson
For the Board of Selectmen