

NORWAY SELECT BOARD
AUGUST 17, 2017
MINUTES

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN, WARREN SESSIONS.
2. FLAG SALUTE
3. MOMENT OF SILENCE.
4. MINUTES OF AUGUST 3 AND JULY 20.

RUSSELL NEWCOMB MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JULY 20TH AND AUGUST 3RD, THOMAS CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS SO VOTED.

5. CITIZEN ITEMS. NONE
6. SELECT BOARD ITEMS. NONE
7. NATALIE ANDREWS – ASSESSORS REPORT ON COMMITMENT.

ASSESSOR, NATALIE ANDREWS REPORTED THAT THE MIL RATE THIS YEAR IS 17.20. LAST YEAR IT WAS 16.50. THE INCREASE IN THE RATE IS THE SAME AS THE INCREASE THE LAST FEW YEARS. THE FACTORS FOR THE INCREASE ARE THE INCREASE IN THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, THE INCREASE OF THE S.A.D. 17 BUDGET AND THE LOSS OF \$2,000,000 IN PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATION FROM NEW BALANCE. THE TOWN BUDGET WAS FLAT. THE OVERLAY IS \$82,880.

THE CURRENT BILLING DISTRIBUTION IS:

SCHOOL – 51%
COUNTY - 5%
TOWN - 44%

RUSSELL NEWCOMB ASKED WHAT THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE IS FOR THE HOMESTEAD?

NATALIE NOTED THAT HE STATE REIMBURSES 50% FOR THE HOMESTEAD.

8. TAX ABATEMENT.

DAVID THOMPSON, EXECUTOR FOR THE ESTATE OF KEITH THOMPSON REQUESTED AN ABATEMENT FOR THE 2017 TAXES DUE TO AN ASSESSING ERROR.

BRUCE COOK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABATEMENT FOR THE ESTATE OF KEITH THOMPSON, RUSSELL NEWCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS SO VOTED. THE ABATEMENT WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127.05.

9. APPOINTMENTS

A/ DANIEL BROWN – FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER

POLICE CHIEF, ROB FEDERICO AND DANIEL BROWN DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING.

THOMAS CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL BROWN AS A FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER, MICHAEL TWITCHELL SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS SO VOTED.

10. MOTION – “GO GOLD PROCLAMATION”

WARREN SESSIONS READ THE GO GOLD PROCLAMATION.

RUSSELL NEWCOMB MADE A MOTION FOR THE TOWN OF NORWAY TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, MICHAEL TWITCHELL SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS SO VOTED.

11. MOTION – APPLICATION FOR CATERING PERMIT FROM BARN & TABLE FOR OCTOBER 21, 2017 AT GRANITE RIDGE ESTATE.

BRUCE COOK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL CATERING PERMIT FOR BARN & TABLE AT GRANITE RIDGE ON OCTOBER 21, 2017, MICHAEL TWITCHELL SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS SO VOTED.

12. TOWN MANAGER REPORT – TABLED. THE TOWN MANAGER DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING; HE WAS ON VACATION.

13. OLD BUSINESS.

MICHAEL TWITCHELL ASKED IF THE TALL GRASS AT THE END OF BARTLETT STREET COULD BE REMOVED. IT BLOCKS THE VISION OF PEOPLE TRYING TO GET ONTO ROUTE 26. MIKE HAD ASKED ABOUT THIS ISSUE AT A PREVIOUS MEETING.

14. SIGNATURES

A/ REVISED TOBACCO FREE POLICY

THE POLICY WAS APPROVED AT A PREVIOUS MEETING. THE ONLY CHANGE WAS TO INCLUDE PIPES TO THE TERM SMOKING.

THE SELECT BOARD SIGNED THE TOWN OF NORWAY TOBACCO-FREE POLICY.

15. THE SELECT BOARD SIGNED WARRANT # 5 AND P/R 8/3, 8/10, & 8/17.

16. UPCOMING MEETINGS.

A/ MEETING ON 9/13 WITH OXFORD COUNTY EMA ON INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM. 6 – 8 AT THE NORWAY TOWN OFFICE.

RUSS NEWCOMB NOTED THAT THIS IS A NEW COURSE AND IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE SELECT BOARD TAKE THE CLASS EVEN IF THEY HAVE HAD THE TRAINING BEFORE.

BRUCE COOK MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, THOMAS CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS SO VOTED. 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN, WARREN SESSIONS, VICE CHAIR, BRUCE COOK, RUSSELL NEWCOMB, THOMAS CURTIS, AND MICHAEL TWITCHELL. TOWN MANAGER, DENNIS LAJOIE WAS ABSENT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Carol Twitchell