

FREEMAN'S REPORT ON THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2017

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THE MEETING: There were 3 members of the public present. The minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2017 were approved.

MOST IMPORTANT/INTERESTING ITEMS: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

Under NEW BUSINESS: the Maine Revenue Service Sales Analysis Return was reviewed. This Return reports assessed valuations and reported sales prices for real property transactions in the Town. At issue is whether the reported transactions were "arms-length." If there is a marked divergence between arms-length transactions and assessed valuations, the State can mandate a revaluation.. The Sales Analysis Return was approved by the Select Board.

Also under NEW BUSINESS, Rich Donaldson, chair of the Planning Board, was present to seek advice about how to respond to a request from a Town resident for a written opinion on a Planning Board matter. The advice was to have the resident submit a permit application. The Board's decision would constitute a written opinion.

Also under NEW BUSINESS, a request from the Garden Group to trim some trees by the garden for lighting was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mary reported that there was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS:

There still have been no responses from people interested in filling openings on various Boards and Committees.

Under ASSESSING ITEMS, The Selectmen discussed an Abatement Request from Eric and Thea Haley. They voted unanimously to reject the Request based on comparable assessments.

During PUBLIC COMMENT, Bob Trabona asked for and received permission to cut up a blow down on Town Property adjacent to the fire House.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, December 19 at the Town Office, rather than on December 12. The meeting scheduled for December 26 has been canceled.

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