A meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen (BoS) was held on Thursday, December 27th at 7 p.m. at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Mike Kaminski called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Board members present:**
- Mike Kaminski, Chairman
- Dave Nault, Selectman
- Robert “Bob” Martel, Selectman

**Town Officials and others present:**
- Line Comeau, Town Administrator
- Jennifer King, Recording Secretary
- Dan Sklut, Chief of Police
- Patrick “Woody” Bowne, Transfer Station Supervisor
- Jon Wiggin, Fire Department Chief

**Members of the public present:**
- Bob Leonard

Leo Martel was present recording the meeting for the benefit of the citizens who could not attend.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approve Minutes**

**Motion:** by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 20th, 2018 as amended.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** (3-0).

**Motion:** by Bob Martel, seconded by Mike Kaminski to approve the nonpublic meeting minutes of December 20th, 2018.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** (3-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leo Martel said that his road (Tenney Hill Road) has been busier than ever with new construction, contractors, delivery people, etc., and people are traveling way too fast on that road. The speed limit is 35 mph, which he feels is still too high for that area. It also exacerbates the dust problem on their road. He noted that
Purgatory Pond Road has a posted speed limit of 25 mph. Chief Sklut said that they can arrange for some coverage on that road and will work on narrowing down a time for them to be there that would be most effective. Mike Kaminski said that he would like to revisit the issue in a couple of months to give the Police Department some time to look into the problem. Chief Sklut said that speaking to some of the people that regularly travel the road may address at least part of the issue.

AGENDA ITEMS

Accept Donation

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel, to accept fundraising donations of $50 for Wreaths Across Dunbarton per RSA 31:95-b III (b).

Discussion: none.

Vote: (3-0).

Budget Review, Solid Waste & Disposal Department

Woody Bowne reviewed the proposed 2019 budget for the Solid Waste & Disposal Department. They exceeded their budget for training last year, so he increased that line item from $700 to $800. He also plans to limit conference attendance to help curb some of those costs.

Woody said that he was able to reduce the amount for maintenance. A few repairs he is currently looking at include a repair on the skid steer, as well as replacement of their scale, which just broke recently. He is working with Line to encumber the funds for scale replacement. A couple of other items he is looking to get for the Transfer Station is a pallet jack and a portable heater. Woody also noted increases for telephone, uniforms and fuel. There are also some changes to what they can recycle, so their expected tonnage for 2019 will increase. Hazardous waste is up slightly as well.

Mike Kaminski asked for status on the new truck. Woody replied that the latest update is that it will be built in mid-January.

Budget Review, Fire Department

Fire Chief Jon Wiggin presented his proposed budget for 2019. He said that he tried to keep the budget level with last year. He noted a slight increase for mutual aid stating that it is the smallest increase in years. Fire Prevention is also increasing.

Chief Wiggin said that he will be requesting a warrant article to add more money to the capital reserve for a new engine in the future. He also noted that Dunbarton is the only town that is part of Capital Area Mutual Aid that staffs their own ambulance service. This is likely to become more of a challenge in the coming years.
Warrant Article Review for Milfoil Treatment

Bob Leonard and Lou Deberio approached the BoS to review the proposed Warrant Articles prepared for Milfoil treatment. They are including a grant from NHDES of 25% toward 2019 projects. Because of the good year they had and negative results, it is expected that they will need to use little if any of the funds. But following the process helps to cover them just in case.

The BoS reviewed the budget request for the Recreation Commission for 2019.

Part-Time Step Wage Scale

Police Chief Dan Sklut joined the BoS to review the step wage scale for his department, and changes to be made. He agrees that they need to create a multi-step wage scale for all positions and suggests that they take the amounts they have listed for Step 3, subtract 5% for step 2 and another 5% for step 1. He would also like to update the rate for the role of Detective so that it matches that of the full-time Patrolman. Mike Kaminski’s concern is that they may not continue to be a competitive employer. Chief Sklut noted that they have the option to start a more qualified candidate at a higher step.

TOWN BUSINESS

Mailbox Items

Mike Kaminski shared the following items received over the past week:

The BoS approved a request from Police Chief Dan Sklut to carry over 2 vacation days from 2018 to 2019 to be used in the month of January.

FYI: Summary of Planning Board decisions, including subdivision and coffee shop approvals.

Building Inspector: summary of current issues in town.

FYI: Geo-technical boring work on power lines to take place.

Overlook is nearing completion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES

Dave Nault said that he read through emails from their town attorney emails regarding Kelsea Road. He had some questions about an apparent agreement that was made during a visit to the property. Mike Kaminski confirmed that no new agreement was made, only a clarification on where snow will be plowed. They will still follow through with the initial decision by the court.
Bob Martel thanks the other two Board members for looking at the town properties and stepping up to get things fixed in 2018. Dave Nault says that he looks forward to seeing it continue in the coming year.

Mike Kaminski said that they will need to revisit the Safety Complex roof issue in the spring. The Fire Chief is aware of this delay. Line said that they need to have an engineer look at the roof trusses on the safety complex in terms of design and insulation.

Line Comeau said that there has been numerous system fail calls at the Town Garage even after having a second line installed. They are now looking to see if there is a faulty line causing the problem. If they do have another line installed from the line to the building, Dave Nault feels it would be worth it to pay the extra fee for the phone company to run the line to the alarm system. If that still doesn’t work, he suggests they bring the alarm system company before the BoS so they can get some answers from them directly.

Line Comeau told the BoS that she will be working New Year’s Day, taking January 18th as a floating holiday.

➢ The BoS is in consensus to allow Line to carry some of her unused vacation time into 2019.

Line Comeau noted that comp time hours have been distributed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to adjourn the meeting.

The BoS adjourned at 8:37 p.m. Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer King, Recording Secretary

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Mike Kaminski, Chair

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Dave Nault, Selectman

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Bob Martel, Selectman

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