

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2013

Present: Jim Ameden, Kevin Beattie, Steve Prouty, Bob Cowles, Peter Pagnucco, Mike Bernhardt, Paul Gordon, Bruce Frauman for GNAT TV, Duane Hart, Denis Pinkernell, Kelly Pajala, Elaine Beckwith, Gloria Dawson, Mark Fontaine, Melissa Brown, Maryann Morris, Michelle and Chris Morse

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pay orders were signed.

Auditor's position- Mark Fontaine stated that he is interested in filling the currently open auditors position. A motion was made and unanimously approved to appoint Mark to the open position until Town meeting, at which time the position will be filled by election.

Neighborhood Connections, represented by Elaine Beckwith and Gloria Dawson- Their appropriations request has increased from \$1000 to \$5000 this year. Most of their funding comes from local fundraising. About 75% of the people they serve are residents of Londonderry. A motion was made and passed unanimously to put the request in the warning.

Mountain Valley Medical Center, represented by Denis Pinkernell- Their appropriation request is based on free or discounted services provided to residents of the town. The amount requested this year is \$24,508. A motion was made and unanimously passed to put the request in the warning.

The Collaborative, represented by Maryann Morris and Melissa Brown- The Collaborative is increasing their request from \$500 to \$750. They have increased the amount of services, such as summer camps. Enrollment in their programs has also increased. A motion was made and unanimously passed to put the request in the warning.

Maryann also brought up that they are planning on a trail run fundraiser this year on the West River Trail. She asked if there are any permitting requirements from the town. The board responded that the town has no permitting requirements for that type of event. Parking might be a concern.

Michelle Hebert and Chris Morse- Complaints about road conditions during and after the recent storm. Also that the town hired a road crew member that doesn't have a CDL.

There have been about 8 to 10 other complaints received by selectboard members since the snow. There was discussion about being sure we get out and look right away after a complaint is received so that we can address them.

There were some problems with cars being in the way and hampering plowing. We have a winter parking ordinance that gives the town authority to tow cars that aren't moved. We will get the ordinance posted on the website and start issuing tags warning car owners to move the cars or be subject to towing.

Treasurer items- Mike reminded the board that we need to get a purchasing policy established.

The board clarified some items in the Personnel Policies regarding what types of paid time off carries over year to year if not used in the year it accrues.

Health Savings Accounts- The town will deposit the HSA amount directly to an account set up by the employee to receive the payment. The board affirmed that the full HSA amount will be put in the account at the beginning of the year. A motion was made and passed unanimously to keep the payments as they are.

The **minutes** of the December 17th and December 20th meetings were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges- Fuel reports- Should be kept on file down at the garage. Kevin will work with Duane to purchase a file cabinet.

The clutch in the '05 Mack was fixed at a cost of \$2000.

The transmission is leaking on the International due to a rusted out plate on the side of the housing. The undercoating needs to be more thorough to stop it from happening over time.

The '02 Mack needs brake work. This will be done after the transmission leak is fixed on the International.

Transfer station- Esther has asked the board to consider buying composters to be sold to the public. The board declined to do it.

Liquor Board- No action taken.

Old business-

The board signed the agreement to proceed with Sullivan, Powers, and Co. for the 2012 financial review. A motion was made and passed unanimously to sign.

Scenic Byway Coordinator- Kevin will speak with Jim Lind to see if someone connected with the Chamber of Commerce would take on this position.

Bottle money- The board voted unanimously to continue giving the money to the Little League.

New business-

Signing of the Hazard Mitigation buyout projects- Kevin had concerns that the projects could go over budget leaving the town to pick up the difference, but feels that we can minimize the risk by having the pricing all lined up before we are committed to closing on the properties. A motion was made and passed unanimously to sign the agreement.

Steve got a call from Pat Salo re: a **dog issue** near Magic. Nothing has happened yet but a neighbor is concerned about someone training guard dogs in that area. We will see if Pat will ask the dog owner if he can check to be sure the dogs are kept secure.

The Friendship Club, owner of the **Thompsonburg Schoolhouse** has requested tax exemption for the property. The question was tabled until the board ascertains whether they would rather donate the property to the town.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.