

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2013

Present: Kevin Beattie, Steve Prouty, Bob Cowles, Peter Pagnucco, Duane Hart, Mike Bernhardt, Paul Gordon, Bruce Frauman for GNAT, Matt Mann from WRC, Jim Lind, Esther Fishman, Steve Twitchell, Keith Barton, Matt Mann, Jim Lind

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made and passed to go into executive session to discuss employee matters

Came out of executive session at 7:00.

Pay orders were signed.

Announcements- Mountain Town RED Annual meeting is Tuesday, 2/26 at 7:00 at Flood Brook School.

Town meeting Tuesday, March 5 at 10:00.

Roads and bridges- Duane reported that he will be moving ahead with replacing the clutch in the tractor. The '05 Mack is having some brake trouble. The '02 Mack also needs a brake job.

Duane asked about stockpiling gravel for mud season. Our newly adopted Purchasing Policy would require a bidding process for the gravel purchase. This might be a case where the Purchasing Policy, as written, may not work well for this type of purchase. We may want to revisit the policy for certain types of purchases such as gravel.

Transfer station- Esther, Steve, and Keith were in to discuss changes in the way we deal with scrap metal. Esther is recommending we change from using a grapple truck to pick it up, to using rolloffs. This would save about \$300-350/load in hauling costs. However, it will require increased time and expense for Keith and Steve to deal with filling the rolloffs. The hauling savings would amount to about \$4000/year. We need to see if this is offset by increased time and expense for Steve and Keith to deal with filling the rolloffs.

There was discussion about whether to build a loading dock for filling the containers, or whether to load them from ground level. It was decided to load them from ground level for now until we have a chance to see how well the containers are working. A motion was made and passed unanimously to go ahead with it.

Visitors and concerned citizens-

Route 100 Byway- Matt Mann and Jim Lind were in to discuss with the selectboard voting to approve the Byway Management Plan. The selectboard had voted on November 15th, 2012 to support the Byway going through Londonderry.

There were concerns by some board members whether the Byway and the plan could take on some regulatory nature by affecting future development along the road, through state and local permitting processes. There were questions raised as to who in town supports the byway, as we have not heard from more than a couple of people. If we don't vote to support the plan tonight, the Byway won't go through Londonderry and we won't have a chance to join up later. Matt and others pointed out that we can decide to pull out of the Byway program at a later date. After discussion, a motion was made and passed to support the plan. The board's vote was three yes and one no.

Matt Mann mentioned that WRC will be able to assist with **culvert and sign inventories**, both of which need to be done in the near future.

The **minutes** of the February 4th and 12th meetings were approved and signed.

Old business-

1983 Alcohol Ordinance- This ordinance has been in place since 1983, but is not enforced and the board feels it is not needed. A motion was made and passed unanimously to rescind the ordinance. Kevin will check to see if there is any legal procedure needed to rescind an ordinance.

New business-

Signed a Stipulation of the town's most recent equalization study done by the VT Department of Taxes.

Signed a Certificate of No Appeal for the tax year 2011.

There is a court appeal to a zoning permit issued by the town for a butcher shop. We will send a copy of the notice to Bob Fisher just so he is aware.

There was a discussion of preparing the Town Hall for town meeting next week.

Dhart Landing Zone at the Prouty land- So far this year we haven't kept it plowed. We will start plowing it for now on so we have that option. Jim A. also mentioned keeping the hydrant plowed at the pond in the north village. Duane mentioned that they are keeping an area plowed at Flood Brook as well that could serve as a landing zone.

Farmers Market Vendors application- An application has been submitted but it was tabled because there wasn't a check with it.

GNAT- Bruce Frauman mentioned that they will be filming Town Meeting.

Esther left a note that there will be an **Electronics Collection day** on May 18th, 9 to 1.

Went back into executive session at 8:48 to continue employee related discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.