

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2013

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Peter Pagnucco, Paul Gordon, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Mike Bernhardt

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

Pay warrants were signed.

Announcements- The electronics collection day went well.

Treasurer items- Mike and Kelly have received a letter from John Barry concerning the town vote to appropriate money in advance of changing to a July to June fiscal year. Mike thinks the board should respond to his comments. The board feels that, since the letter wasn't addressed to the selectboard, it wouldn't be appropriate for them to respond to it.

Cash flow- School finances and bookkeeping have been transferred to the RED board. The town may have to borrow prior to this year's tax revenues coming in. This has been common in the past, and we normally get short term notes from local banks.

Interviews for assistant treasurer- Mike has 4 interviews scheduled for this coming Friday.

Town auditors- Mike brought up again his view that the town should consider eliminating the position of town auditors, and hiring the auditing done by an outside firm. There would be many advantages and costs should be similar to the present. This would be a warned town vote at the next town meeting. Kevin will speak with VLCT about pros and cons.

Town Clerk items-

Document preservation- Kelly will be sending out some records for preservation.

Town Parks- There is a "Family Fun Day" fundraiser scheduled for August 11. There will be a mailing put out soon to announce the event and that fundraising efforts are underway. The mailing will cost about \$800. A motion was made and unanimously passed to use money out of the existing parks fund to pay for this mailing.

-The skateboard ramps have been torn down. The swings also need to come down.

-Picnic tables are available from the Burr and Burton shop class for \$70 each. Steve mentioned that Tractor Supply has metal and plastic tables on sale for \$99. Kelly asked to purchase two picnic tables from BBA. Two tables are being donated.

-Fencing for Buxton Park- Peter wonders if we should make improvements there that would attract more people. Jennifer Cobb has offered to prune the apple trees and do

some plantings. Jim mentioned parking and road hazard issues. Kelly will speak with John Alexander about the possibility of a crosswalk. We will look into liability issues concerning having a fence vs. not having a fence.

Kelly asked about the bottle return money collected at the transfer station. Recently the board had voted to give it to the Little League. Next year this may be reconsidered so at least some bottle funds can go into a parks fund.

The **minutes** for the 5/6/13 meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

RFP for paving- Duane will prepare the RFP.

Duane and Steve will be meeting with landowners on **Lowell Lake Road** this week about drainage issues.

They have met with Kathy Mosenthal on **Edge Hill Road** about a drainage issue there. There was discussion about what is the responsibility of the town vs. the landowner regarding putting a culvert across her driveway. This wasn't settled at the meeting. Duane will put together some figures for two different culvert options and it will be looked at further.

Rest Haven Lane access permit- The McKernon Group submitted this application for the owner. The lot and the access are on a Class IV section of the road. McKernon had previously looked for and received permission to do some improvement to the Class IV section of road. The access permit was approved with the requirement to install a 15" culvert at the beginning of the driveway, and that the driveway slopes away from the town road for the first 20 feet.

Middletown Road access permit- This application was submitted by Eric Jensen, contractor for the owner of the property. Duane has met with Chaves, the excavation contractor, and discussed culvert installation, ditching, and grade requirements. The permit was approved with the standard requirements.

Brophy Lane- Ron Underwood wants to do some work along the edge of the town road. Duane and Steve will look at it.

The **Williams Road** sign is missing. It will be replaced.

Transfer Station-

Tractor- There is still some trouble with it starting and we will try replacing the starter. A motion was made and passed to order a starter and have the crew replace it.

Old business-

Email list- Paul reported that Paul and Kelly ran a test of the town email list on May 8th. A motion was made and passed that Kevin would approve any messages to go out on the list.

Generator- Steve reported that the Londonderry Inn has a 20 KW generator for sale and would offer it to the town for \$4000. The board decided to pass on it since it is larger than needed to run the town office.

New business-

Health insurance- As of the end of this year, we will be going to the health care exchange for coverage and will no longer be working through VLCT. We will be needing to spend significant time looking at options soon.

Prouty land mowing- After the burn this spring, the Conservation Commission and the selectboard should spend some time planning how to manage the mowing in the future to maximize the grassland habitat for birds.

Library tag sale- The library would like to use three tables for the tag sale. A motion was made and passed unanimously to allow use of the tables.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.