

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2013

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Peter Pagnucco, Paul Gordon, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Marguerite Warner, Sharon Crossman, Larry Gubb, Susan McMahon, Dode Crossman, Jessica Citera, Debbie O'Leary, Paul Fraser, Esther Fishman

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. Went into executive session for an employee review.

Came out of executive session at 7:10

Pay warrants were signed.

Town Parks- Jessica Citera, Debbie O'Leary, Kelly Pajala, and Dode Crossman were in to discuss management of the town parks. The group would like to establish a Parks Committee. Jessica stated that she has watched Pingree Park deteriorate over the years and would like to step up maintenance. She also mentioned a safety fence at Buxton Park.

A handout is attached to the minutes that the group handed out, which includes a list of recommendations and development of fundraising plans.

There is a small town park fund, from bottle return money at the Transfer Station, that the group would like to use to help get fundraising efforts off the ground.

The board agreed to support the group as a parks committee in their efforts.

Goodaleville Road bridge- Paul Frasier of the Jamaica selectboard was in to discuss the bridge, which was damaged by Tropical Storm Irene. The Town of Jamaica has been struggling with a large discrepancy, about \$250,000, between ANR requirements for putting the bridge back in, and what FEMA will pay for. After some recent decisions on other projects, it appears that there is a chance they will get funding for it.

It appears that to meet ANR requirements the north abutment will need to be moved further north on the Londonderry side. It is not known at this point exactly where the town line is. Paul asked that Londonderry send a letter to Jamaica giving permission to move the north abutment 12-14 feet further north. The board agreed to send the requested letter.

Design project for the Hazard Mitigation properties- Susan McMahon from Windham Regional Commission came in to speak about a grant that WRC got for community based design work for use of the properties after the town owns them. The end product would be a conceptual design. Originally the grant was intended for and

accepted by Jamaica, but the buyouts have been denied by FEMA in Jamaica, so WRC is asking if Londonderry is interested. The grant amount is \$40,000 with a 100% match. More information on the grant is attached to the minutes. The match can be covered without expense to the town.

The Planning Commission is interested in this project and may be able to be the primary group in town to facilitate the process.

A motion was made and unanimously passed in support of working with WRC on this grant opportunity.

Transfer Station-

Asbestos issue- The cleanup will happen this Wednesday. TAM and Catamount Environmental, along with the transfer station crew, will do the work. We need to get good documentation of what is done.

A motion was made at 8:15 to go into executive session to discuss negotiations with the contractor that brought in the asbestos. Esther Fishman was included in the executive session. Came out of executive session at 8:42.

The **minutes** for the 4/15 meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Duane asked for approval to purchase **cutting edges for the grader**. Cost is approximately \$780. A motion was made and unanimously passed for the purchase.

Dump box for the '02 Mack- Duane has put together the RFP for this project. We need to add a delivery date for the work. It was decided that Sept. 30 would be an appropriate date to specify.

Grading- All but Pitchfork Lane and Cohen Road have been graded.

Paving- Duane recommends doing Little Pond Road (1.7 miles), Windy Rise West (.1 miles), and Old School Street (.1 miles). If there is any material left we can do some of the parking lot at the town office.

The backhoe is back together. Expense was higher than anticipated.

Nortrax bill- Paul asked about the status. We have settled on an amount with them. The bill hasn't been paid yet.

Middletown Road access permit- The driveway location is finalized. We need to look at it more closely and get together with the contractor about meeting town specs. Signing the permit was tabled until those things happen.

We should establish procedures for approving access whereas the road foreman looks at the site before approval, and there is followup after construction to be sure it complies with the permit.

Cohen Road- We should have a sign that it is not a through road. GPS units lead people that way to get to the campground.

Edge Road- Steve and Duane are meeting with Kathy Mosenthal on a drainage issue.

Share the Road sign for West River Street- A motion was made and passed unanimously to purchase a sign for the road.

Overweight Permit- A permit was approved for Carlton Trucking subject to his sending an additional \$5.00 for the permit fee.

Liquor Board- An application for Upper Pass Lodge was approved and signed.

Old business-

Paul asked about the status of the septic mapping at the town office building and the Big Rock escrow agreement. Both are in progress.

New business-

Applications for free use of town buildings- The board approved use of the assembly room for the Brattleboro Development Credit Corp for a meeting in November (this is a nonprofit county wide economic development effort). Also the board approved the Montessori School for a puppet show on May 30 at the Town Hall.

Oil tank at the town office- This needs to be taken out and replaced. Kevin will call environmental companies to get the process started.

Fireworks appropriation- The money appropriated at town meeting has been requested. A motion was made and passed unanimously to direct the treasurer to pay it. We normally pay voted appropriations later in the year.

Year to date figures- Kevin pointed out that as of April 30 we are running over budget on several items and we will be monitoring it closely.

Gordon burned out property- Section 401 of our zoning bylaws requires a substantially damaged building to be removed. Paul Dexter is going to write a letter to the owner of the requirement.

Pay adjustment- The board voted unanimously to change Josh Dryden's hourly rate from \$18.75 per hour to \$19.25 per hour. The board clarified that the raise is given due to efforts Josh has made this year regarding job performance goals.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.