

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2013

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Mike Bernhardt, Steve Twitchell, Keith Barton, Tom Platt, Butch Jelly, Beverly Jelly, Dinah Reed, Anthony Summers, Debbie O'leary

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The board went into executive session for an employee review.

Came out of executive session at 7:00

Pay warrants were signed.

Treasurer items- Mike presented cost estimate summaries for going to an outside auditing firm instead of elected auditors. Also a cost quote for hiring an outside firm for doing payroll. Mike requested these items go on the agenda for consideration at a July meeting.

Setting of the 2013 tax rate- There was discussion of the \$100,000 loan payment to the cemetery commission, which is due this year for Irene expenses, and whether this needs to be raised by taxes this year. Kevin and Mike will have a recommended tax rate for the board at the July 1 meeting.

Platt Hazard Mitigation projects- Tom and Judy Platt are looking at possible FEMA Hazard Mitigation projects for properties they own. Anthony Summers from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corp and Dinah Reed from the Windham Regional Commission were present to discuss process and possibilities.

The Platt properties have a history of flooding from Irene and past events. The potential projects need to have a Benefit Cost Analysis done to see if they would qualify for funding. The grant recipient would be the Town of Londonderry, and the town would need to manage the project. Applications for projects are due by July 12th.

Butch Jelley expressed interest in finding out what could be a viable mitigation project for his property.

Letters of Intent are due right away. The Letter of Intent doesn't obligate the town to proceed with the project. A motion was made and unanimously passed to file the Letters of Intent for Platt projects and a possible Jelley project.

Minutes of the June 3 meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Sand shed agreement- John Alexander wants to renew the agreement with some changes. He'll be sending it once it passes the AOT legal department. There have been some issues with sand not meeting state specs.

Paving RFP- Duane has an RFP ready to put out, with a bid deadline added of July 1. He will add Springfield Paving to the bid list.

Better Backroads grant- There is an application deadline of July 12 for Better Backroad grants. Duane suggested that Cohen Road needs ditch and culvert work that might qualify. A motion was made and unanimously passed to apply for a grant. Duane and Kevin will work together to put in an application.

Dump body prices- Duane has gone back to the bidders with some changes in specs and has received some prices closer to our budgeted amount. The prices received are:
HP Fairfield- \$27,990
EW Sleeper- \$27,788 (with our crew removing the old body).
Duane recommended going with EW Sleeper. A motion was made and unanimously passed to purchase the dump body from EW Sleeper.

Lowell Lake Road AOT structures grant- The town has received a grant agreement for \$8000 for the planning and engineering for the project. A motion was made and unanimously passed to sign the agreement.

Ford 550- Needs to be checked out, it is using some antifreeze. Duane will be checking on whether it will still be under warranty.

Contracted trucking- On Duane's recommendation, the board agreed to hire Wayne Blanchard for contracted trucking to haul some gravel.

Old business-

Town office fuel tank removal- We received a quote from KAS, for the environmental services, for about \$1800. The tank removal will cost an additional amount up to \$2500 depending on how we handle it. A new interior tank will cost \$1200-1800 to install. Total project cost will run \$4-5000. After discussion, because of budget constraints, it was tentatively decided to put in a new interior tank, pump out the old tank, but leave it in place until next year. We will wait until after an upcoming meeting with Chris Cole before moving ahead.

Park items- Kelly has gotten pricing on fencing along the bank in **Buxton Park**. Cost estimates range from \$3000-4500 for a five foot chain link fence. John Alexander confirmed there are no concerns with AOT regarding a fence. There is a Buxton Park

fund which should be able to pay for this. Kelly is still looking into the history and possible restrictions on this fund to verify that it can be used.

Jeremy Brodney has volunteered to do site drawings for **Pingree Park**. Kelly has finalized a plan for closing Old Stowell Hill on Pingree Park Fun Day. Kelly and the park committee are making progress on pricing for new playground equipment. They will be meeting with the DRB to look into zoning permit requirements for playground equipment.

Kelly reiterated her hope that the selectboard will form a Parks Board for long term management of town parks. A board would be on firmer legal ground for fundraising and have better longevity as compared to an ad hoc citizen's committee..

New business-

A **BCA meeting** was set for **August 19th at 6:00.**

Web services- Paul Gordon has access to the website at this time and is making updates to the site. A motion was made and unanimously passed to terminate Simon Korzun's services as webmaster. We will look into other options and hope to make day to day updates in-house.

Damaged properties- Paul G. has requested Paul Dexter to write letters to the owners of two damaged properties in town, regarding zoning requirements to remove them.

The **Memorial Park board** would like to hire a lifeguard for the summer and are asking if the town could be the employer. The board agreed that the person could be a town employee but managed by the Memorial Park board. The selectboard would like to see a proposal on it.

The Historical Society would like to use two tables for an upcoming function. The board agreed they could borrow two tables from the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.