

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
June 3, 2013

Present: Steve Prouty, Peter Pagnucco, Paul Gordon, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Mike Bernhardt, David Nunnikhoven, Julie Adams

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

Steve Prouty was acting selectboard chair in the absence of Jim Ameden.

The board went into executive session for an employee review.

Came out of executive session at 7:04

**Pay warrants** were signed.

**Intinerant vendors permit-** David Nunnikhoven was in to present an application for Libby Nunnikhoven to sell home made ice cream at the Depot evenings Thursday through Saturday. Hours of operation would be late afternoon to dusk. A motion was made and unanimously passed to grant the permit. Any signage would need a permit through the zoning administrator.

**Town Clerk items-** A delinquent dog list has been formulated and will be passed along to Pat Salo.

**Lister items-** Julie Adams reported that the state appeal hearing for the Diaferio property has been cancelled because the listers, with the town attorney, have reached a settlement with the owner at an assessed value of \$852,000, down from the present assessment of \$907,500. Julie asked for the board to approve the settlement. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the settlement. The board members will come in to the office individually to sign the document.

### **Roads and bridges-**

**Grading and ditching** is in progress.

The board opened one bid for the **'02 Mack dump body replacement**. HP Fairfield bid \$32,665. The board had budgeted \$27,000 for this project based on an estimate received last fall. Duane suggests not accepting this bid and reoffering it. A motion was made and unanimously passed to table any action at this time.

**Beaver control on Mtn. Lake Road-** Mike Doane has asked the town to remove beavers at a culvert on the Class 4 section of the road. He asked if Nick Doane could do the removal. We currently use Pat Salo for beaver removal. There was discussion of

licensing for nuisance trapping. An email to the local game warden revealed that a special license is not required. No decision was made at the meeting.

**Edge Hill Road-** Duane doesn't have the cost information yet for the culverts and drop inlet. Kathy Mosenthal will be putting in the culvert and drop in for her driveway.

Kelly asked if **Old Stowell Hill Road could be closed to through traffic during Fun Day** at Pingree Park. Duane and the board think it's a good idea.

Duane would like to buy signs "**Road closed- local traffic only**". The selectboard supports buying the signs.

**Minutes of the May 20 meeting** were approved and signed with a change of wording about the town email list.

### **Old business-**

**Park items-** There are four new picnic tables at Pingree Park. Kelly raised the question of how soon the playground equipment needs to be torn down. We will take a closer look and see if it can stay in service for a while longer. She has gotten a couple of quotes on new equipment.

Kelly also has gotten a price on resurfacing the tennis court of just over \$7000.

Kelly estimates that there will be costs for Fun Day in the amount of \$500. A motion was made and unanimously passed to spend \$500 out of the existing park fund. Currently the fund balance is just under \$2500.

**Fuel tank removal** at the town office- Kevin has asked for a proposal from KAS, Inc. so that we have an idea of requirements and cost for the removal.

**Rest Haven Lane-** Kevin has requested to the McKernon Group, contractor for the property owner, that we have a pre-work meeting prior to work being done on upgrading the Class IV road. Kevin also suggests that we have a written agreement with the property owner as to who is responsible for costs and maintenance of the upgrade.

**Gordon burned out building-** Paul Dexter has received a reply from the Gordons on May 22 that the building is scheduled to be demolished in four to eight weeks. There are one or two other buildings in town that should be removed according to zoning bylaw requirements.

### **New business-**

Steve brought up that the **Library tag sale signs** had been picked up by VTrans personnel. Kevin will discuss it with John Alexander and get clarification on rules that VTrans has.

**Tree Warden-** Steve Prouty was appointed to be Tree Warden.

**Auditor positions-** Tina Labeau has sent a letter of resignation as Town Auditor since she has been hired as assistant town treasurer. There are now two vacant positions. There is discussion of moving to having an outside auditing firm to handle the town's auditing requirements. This change would be a town vote at the next town meeting. The board asked Mike to put together cost comparisons regarding to making this change. In the meantime we still need town auditors at least until next town meeting. We will advertise the positions on the website and also on the town's email list.

**Web services-** Our web service provider hasn't been providing timely service in making updates. Paul Gordon has gotten a response from him that he has been out of the country. Paul thinks we should look elsewhere for service. He has a couple of contacts in mind. Kevin would like to see us move to a system where we can make day to day real time changes. There was discussion of whether we can make day to day changes in house.

**Party on Middletown Road-** The Schreibl's are having an upcoming party and want to park cars on Parson's Lane. They also suggest some caution signs on Middletown Road. The town can't provide those, but would be happy if they put something up.

**Executive session-** The board went into executive session at 8:50 to discuss candidates for the open position on the road crew.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30.**