

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2013

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Bob Cowles, Peter Pagnucco, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Mike Bernhardt, Debbie O'Leary, Sandra Clark, Marc Fontaine, Sharon Crossman

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

Announcements- Richard Barr purchased new flags for the veteran's memorial near the bridge in North Derry. The board agreed to send him a thank you note.

Pay warrants were signed.

Homestead filing penalties- Sandra Clark recommended that the board vote to waive the penalties, which would total just over \$10,000. There have been recent changes to the rules that leave people confused about the filing rules. A motion was made and unanimously passed to waive the penalties for this tax year.

Park items- Kelly obtained pricing for the chain link fence at Buxton Park and recommends Williams Fence Company in Springfield. Their price is \$3650. The money would come out of the Buxton Fund. A motion was made and unanimously passed to go ahead with the fence.

The playground design for Pingree Park is getting closer. The price looks like it will be less than \$30,000 from Playworld Systems.

Auditors- Marc Fontaine was in to recommend two persons to fill the two open auditor positions- Debbie O'Leary and Pastor Margarite Dawedeit. The board discussed the position with Debbie O'Leary, who was present. A motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint Debbie as auditor until next town meeting. It was agreed to invite Pastor Margarite to meet with the board before consideration of appointing her.

Additional Irene funding- Sharon Crossman presented information about a new round of funding becoming available for Irene recovery. A Letter of Interest is due by July 3rd. The Planning Commission has compiled a list of a number of possible needs in town that could make use of possible funding. A very preliminary list indicates possible use for 1.2 to 1.5 million dollars in Londonderry. A motion was made and unanimously passed to submit a Letter of Interest. Sharon will take care of it.

Minutes of the June 17 meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Paving bids- The following paving bids were received:

Lane-	71.00/ton	2270 tons	\$161,170
Whitcolm-	70.56/ton (Little Pond, Cross Rd) 85.08/ton (Windy Rise, Old School)		177,888.24
Fuller-	62.00/ton	2260 tons	140,120
Wilk-	71.88/ton	2495 tons	179,340.60
Springfield-	66.59/ton Little Pond Road 79.00/ton Old School Street 79.00/ton Windy Rise 66.59/ton Cross Road		

A motion was made and unanimously passed to award the bid to Fuller.

Roadside mowing- For discussion purposes, Duane obtained a preliminary estimate for contracting out roadside mowing from one vendor who does some surrounding towns. The estimate was \$5800/year. The board will take a closer look later this year at contracting the mowing in the future.

Winter sand- JP Trucking in Bellows Falls will deliver sand for \$15.94. The sand has a sieve analysis and meets state specs. The material comes from Alstead NH. Duane figures we have room in the shed for 2000 yards. After discussion, the board agreed to have Duane talk with the company about whether we can pay for some of what we need after the first of January due to budget constraints.

It was agreed to send a **letter to Hunter Excavating** cautioning them to be careful about unloading excavators on town road blacktop.

Cohen Road/Better Back Roads- Duane and Kevin met with Alan Mays of Better Back Roads to look at ditching and culverts on Cohen Road. It looks to be a good project and we will put in an application for a grant. We will also put in an application for a Capital Budgeting Planning Grant.

Old business-

Tax rate- The education tax rates will be up approximately 5 cents this year. After discussion, the board set a municipal tax rate of .2312 for the 2013 taxes. In addition, .0239 will be assessed for the \$100,000 to be raised for the fiscal year transition per town vote. This will be a separate line item on the tax bills.

Outside audit services- Mike would like to move ahead with putting out an RFP for outside auditing services. A motion was made and unanimously passed to have Mike proceed with it.

Prouty land fields- The Conservation Commission made a written request to not mow this year the portion of the fields that they would like to burn again this coming year. Kevin said he would donate mowing the portions not to be burned with a rotary mower this year. A motion was made and unanimously passed to grant the request.

Paul brought up shooting and vehicle use of the Prouty land. The board doesn't want to close off the property to public use, but it needs to be monitored.

Cole agreement for the Town Office Planning Project- The board voted to approve and sign the agreement, with some amendments to clarify steps on proceeding and payment terms. Paul, Kevin, and Bob reported briefly on the draft report on Steps #1 and 2 of the project, which have been completed. The board will direct Cole Co. to proceed with Step #3 after receiving the final report on Steps 1 and 2.

New business-

Appraisal of paintings- Bob Cowles recommended that the town get the paintings appraised that hang in the town office, for the purpose of insuring them. Kevin asked what the appraisal would cost. A motion was made and unanimously passed to get the paintings appraised.

Town Hall cleaning costs- We have been billed for cleaning costs when the hall was used by a nonprofit at no cost, and for paid uses where the cleaning cost exceeded the amount received for use of the building. The intent of the selectboard is that cleaning costs shouldn't exceed the revenue received for use of the building. Kevin will write a policy to clarify cleaning and use charges.

New HMGP projects- Applications for Platt and Jelley for potential Hazard Mitigation Grant projects are moving ahead. Letters of Intent were submitted. Applications are due by July 12th, before the next selectboard meeting. A motion was made and unanimously passed for the town to sign the applications, and for Kevin to be authorized to sign them. It is the understanding that the board is not agreeing to any expenditures on the part of the town for these projects.

The board reappointed **Kathy Stone** to the Conservation Commission for another term.

At 9:15, the board voted to go into **executive session** to discuss employee salaries. Came out of executive session at 9:25.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to increase Keith Barton's pay rate by 50 cents per hour.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:30.