

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2013

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Chris Cole, Pastor Margarite, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Debbie O'Leary, Marc Fontaine, Peter Cobb, Chris Blackey

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

Announcements- None

Pay warrants were signed.

Town Office Planning Project- Chris Cole of Cole Construction Management was in attendance to answer questions about the final report of Steps #1 and 2 of the Town Office Planning Project, and to seek approval from the selectboard to proceed with Step #3. A motion was made and unanimously passed to proceed with Step #3 of the project.

Melendy Property cleanup- The SERV group, who annually does volunteer projects for the Baptist church and others, are doing a cleanup of the Melendy property near the Baptist church site. Pete Cobb and Chris Blackey were in to see if the trash removed could be disposed of at the Transfer Station without charge. Scrap metal and burnable material are being disposed of elsewhere. The church will pay for disposal of about 45 tires.

A motion was made and seconded to allow materials, other than scrap metal, tires, recyclables, and burnables, to be disposed of without charge. The vote was two yes and two no, the motion did not pass. Another motion was made to allow the church to pay later, giving a chance to arrange for funding for the disposal. This motion passed unanimously

Town Hall leachfield- Pete Cobb gave Kelly a map of the Town Hall leachfield, which is on the church parsonage property.

Auditors- Pastor Margarite Dawedait met with the board about being appointed as a town auditor. A motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint her as auditor.

Kelly announced that the "After the Flood" Focus Group is looking for someone to pick up a participant at Bradley airport the week of August 5th. There would be a stipend for someone to do it.

Park items- Kelly reported on recent vandalism to signs at the entrance of Pingree Park. It is under investigation by Vermont State Police.

Fundraising is ongoing and donations are coming in. Chaves Excavating and Glebe Mountain Gardens have offered donations of time or materials for work connected with the replacement of the playground equipment.

For the purposes of obtaining grants, Kelly would like a letter of support from the selectboard. A motion was made and unanimously passed to write a letter of support.

Minutes of the July 1 meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Better Back Roads grants- Kevin reported that applications were submitted for a \$10,000 grant for a project on Cohen Road, and for \$4000 for a capital budget and culvert inventory project.

Dump body- Duane stopped in to EW Sleeper and discussed plans for getting it done.

Beavers are back in the culvert on Mtn. Lake Road.

Paving update- We don't have a schedule on paving yet.

Old business-

Generator for sale at the Londonderry Inn- We had considered this before but had passed on it. They have dropped the price to \$3250. After discussion the board decided to wait to talk with an electrician on the advisability of buying a used generator.

Use of Town Hall and town office- Kevin circulated a draft policy that clarifies normal charges and cleaning charges. After discussion, a motion was made to stop charging for use of the buildings, and instead collect a deposit to be returned if the building is cleaned adequately after use. The motion was carried with three voting yes and one voting no. A new draft policy will be written.

New business-

The animal control officer's bill was discussed. We need to clarify with him expenditures that haven't been approved by the selectboard.

Went into executive session at 8:45 to discuss employee and professional service items.

Came out of executive session at 9:00.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.