

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2013

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Bob Cowles, Peter Pagnucco, Kevin Beattie, Mike Bernhardt, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Debbie O'Leary, Colleen Gometz, Dode Crossman, Jim Wilbur, Tina Labeau, Wayne Blanchard

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

Went into executive session at 6:03 to meet with two people interested in the treasurer position, and one person about a part time winter plowing position.

Came out of executive session at 7:05.

Announcements- Paul Gordon thanked the newly formed Londonderry Parks Board for a great effort putting together Fun Day.

Paul also reported that he has submitted a grant application for \$1200 for redoing the town website.

Kevin reminded the board of a meeting tomorrow regarding the Genser properties that are going through the HMGP buyouts.

Pay warrants were signed.

Treasurer- Mike Bernhardt reported that he and Sue Wilburton, business manager for the RED school district, have determined that there is a total of about \$339,898 to be returned from the school district to the town. The school accounts have been closed, and the approximately \$316,600 that was in those accounts have been transferred to the general fund. In addition, the RED district will return \$23,289 to the town.

There was discussion of what to do with these funds. Mike recommends one option would be to use it to move up the fiscal year transition to as early as next year. There was discussion about where this money came from and what authority the town has to use it. Mike is confident that it is from past overfunding of the school accounts but it would not be easily possible to determine how and when it got there. The board agrees that it is the town's money.

Jim A. asked if the year to date figures could be emailed out before the meeting so board members would have a chance to look them over.

Paul thanked Mike for his work as treasurer. Mike will be leaving the position as of 8/31.

Parks Board- Fun Day brought in \$2815

The board is working on an appeal letter for more fundraising. The goal is for \$25,000, to use as a match for grants that are being applied for. Because the grants require a commitment for the match funds, the Parks Board asked the Selectboard for a commitment to fund up to \$25,000. The board tabled this until the first meeting in September, to see how much money is raised through fundraising in the meantime.

Part of the board's planning is to increase security at Pingree Park.

Kelly reminded the selectboard the a **BCA meeting** is warned for September 9th at 6:00 PM.

Minutes of the August 5th meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

The **Ford 550** has been repaired under warranty and the engine has been given a clean bill of health.

We have received word from **Better Back Roads** that we have received two grants, one for ditch and culvert work on Cohen Road and one for updating our culvert inventory and five year planning for major culvert and bridge work.

There is a **hazardous waste training** for road crew on September 5th in Townshend.

Roadside mowing is completed. Mowing various town property fields is still in progress.

Beavers on Mtn. Lake Road- Cory Cheever from VT Fish and Wildlife will meet with the town to offer advice on dealing with beaver problems. In the meantime the selectboard asked Duane to contact Pat Salo about trapping the beavers.

Steve mentioned some complaints he has received about **driveway accesses**, as paving has raised the level of the road. The board clarified that town policy is to do driveway aprons at the time the road is paved, but not at other times. We need a written policy for driveways.

Damage to an RV on Little Pond Road- The selectboard received a letter from Cheryl Sullivan that she sustained damage to her motorhome while backing out of a driveway. The road had just been repaved within 1-2 days of the occurrence. The town had not yet done the shoulder gravelling. The board doesn't accept responsibility for the damage. A motion was made and passed to send a letter to that effect.

Hay from the septage field- The hay is being put into the old garage up by the town office, so that the old hay in the salt shed can be cleaned out.

Transfer Station-

Hazardous waste training- Esther asked that she and Keith go to a scheduled training in New Hampshire. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve it, with the cost to come from the transfer station training budget.

Old business-

Draft policy for use of Town Hall and Town Office- A motion was made and unanimously passed to adopt the policy as written in the most recent draft.

Insurance for Town Office paintings and Town Hall curtains- It will cost \$27.00/year to raise coverage from \$25,000 to \$40,000. A motion was made and unanimously passed to raise the coverage to \$40,000.

New business-

HMGP buyout appraisals- Sargeant Appraisals did the appraisals on the five properties in the early spring. Since the buyouts are moving so slowly, Kevin asked if the selectboard would pay the bills for the appraisals now and submit to FEMA for the funding at a later date. A motion was made and unanimously passed to pay the appraisal bills now.

Interim treasurer- A motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint Jim Wilbur as interim Town Treasurer. The term will be until next town meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.