

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2013

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Peter Pagnucco, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Jim Wilbur, Anthony Summers, Tom Platt, Dan Cobb, George Lang, Trevor Mance, Esther Fishman, Steve Twitchell, Keith Barton

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Champion Fire Company truck purchase- George Lang and Dan Cobb were in to discuss the planned purchase of a new Class A pumper. They have received several quotes and the truck purchase price will be approximately \$400,000. The fire company plans to use \$50,000 from their purchase fund, and ask the town for the rest, through a town vote at the next town meeting.

There was discussion of various funding options, finances of the fire company, and how this purchase fits in with other expenditures the town will have over the next few years. There was also discussion about whether the town or the fire company would own the truck.

The selectboard needs a request in writing for an article that would go on the warning. They also asked that both fire departments and the highway department come up with projected purchase schedules for their equipment.

No action was taken at this meeting.

Platt HMGP projects- Anthony Summers, of Brattleboro Development Credit Corp., and Tom Platt gave the board some detail on what the Platt Hazard Mitigation Grant Projects will involve. The applications have been submitted and FEMA is reviewing them.

The selectboard had previously voted to submit the applications in order to make the deadline, but have not yet voted to support the projects until more information is received.

One project involves raising the old Post Office building so that the first floor is above the Base Flood level. The second project is putting in concrete walls around the Garden Market and Garden Restaurant buildings.

No action to support the projects was taken at this meeting.

Pay warrants were signed.

Minutes of the September 9th meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

The **Cohen Road project** is completed.

Duane has arranged to have a stump ground on Haven Hill Road.

Transfer Station-

Scrap food pilot program- Trevor Mance of TAM, Esther Fishman, Steve Twitchell, and Keith Barton attended to propose a scrap food composting program. Composting of scrap food will be required starting in 2017. Esther has applied for a grant for \$3400 for outreach materials for composting.

TAM is interested in starting a six month pilot program this winter, using a composting unit the size of a 25 yard rolloff container. The town would lease the unit from TAM for \$400/month. After factoring in other expenses and revenues, the projected net cost to the town is \$310/month.

There was some discussion about whether to charge the public for organic waste and whether overall rates need to change.

The selectboard agreed to further investigate the pilot program, and will take further look at how to structure rates to cover the cost. No action was taken at this meeting.

The **Transfer Station backhoe repair** is completed.

Returnables- With Larry Daley retiring, Wayne Blanchard has offered to pick up and sort the returnables.

Old business-

Healthcare decision- After further discussion about the options, a motion was made for the town to provide a level of funding for a fully paid for BCBS "Platinum" plan, plus a Health Reimbursement Account to cover the maximum out of pocket expense of \$2500 for a single coverage and \$5000 for a two person or family coverage. The above Platinum Plan coverage will be provided for single or two person policies. An employee who wants to carry family coverage can pay for the difference between two person and family coverage through a payroll deduction. The motion was unanimously passed.

New business-

Prouty land blowdowns- Tabled

Monthly newsletter- The Planning Commission and volunteers would like to reinstate the Londonderry Monthly, which has not been done for about ten years.

Selectboard Institute- Paul is planning to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.