

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2014

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Peter Pagnucco, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, Keith Barton, Bob Borella, Ed Brown

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM.

Pay orders were signed.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Wall mural- Ed Brown attended the meeting to express his opinion to the board that the approved design for the mural is not a good fit visually for the nature of the village.

Genser HMGP buyout building- Ed Brown also expressed interest in acquiring the Genser building after the town owns it, and moving it onto his property. He would have to obtain approval from FEMA as well as local permits for moving it to a location in the floodplain.

Transfer Station items-

Transfer Station yard- There have been some recent problems with getting the yard plowed and sanded, when needed, for good safe operation. When the Transfer Station yard needs attention, it tends to be at the same time the roads and school bus routes need attention as well. Keith has had trouble making contact with Duane at times.

After discussion it was decided that it would be best to contract out the plowing and sanding for the yard. A motion was made and unanimously passed to contract it out. Kevin will get out an RFP right away.

Keith mentioned that the outside lights at the Transfer Station keep blowing and would like to look into going with LED lights.

Minutes of the December 16th meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Trees on Haven Hill Road- There are limbs interfering with travel when there is a snow load on them. The Cobbs are logging in the area and have offered to cut trees that are causing a problem, if the road crew can help clear limbs out of the road. The board agreed with the plan. A motion was made and unanimously passed to go ahead with it.

Liquor Board- An application for Mike and Tammy's was approved and signed.

Old business-

2014 budget- Bob Borella, Londonderry Energy Coordinator asked for a budget for outreach for the PACE project and other possible projects. A motion was made and unanimously passed to include an amount of \$1250 in the general budget .

The board finished going through the general budget draft but there are still some numbers to finalize before final approval by the board. It appears that there will be a surplus for 2013 and there was discussion about how a surplus will be handled.

New business-

Pingree Park/Shamberg timber sale- Eagle Forest Improvements, Inc. , the logger who holds the contract for the timber sale, wants to use Hunter Excavating as a subcontractor to use a feller-buncher to cut the timber. According to the contract, the Town needs to give written permission for use of a subcontractor. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously passed to grant permission for use of Hunter Excavating as a subcontractor. The board signed a permission document.

Appropriations approvals- A motion was made and unanimously passed to include requests for \$2000 from GNAT TV and \$2742 from Valley Cares, Inc., contingent on receiving financial information, to be included in appropriation requests in the 2014 Town Meeting Warning.

Food Scrap Program- A motion was made and unanimously passed to move ahead with the proposed Food Scrap Program at the Transfer Station, and to include the costs of implementing the program in the Transfer Station Budget.

Bottle money- Kelly asked the board to return to putting at least some of the bottle money collected at the Transfer Station into the Parks fund. In 2013 the money was given to the Flood Brook Athletic Association. A motion was made and unanimously approved to split the bottle money evenly in 2014 between FBAA and the Parks Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00