

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 17, 2014

Present: Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Bob Cowles, Cathy Aragi, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Dick Dale, Richard Bigwood, Maryann Morris, Michael Sozek, James Edwards, Jean Edwards, Pat Salo, Doug Stevens, Mark Stevens, Matt Scott, Esther Fishman

Steve Prouty was acting Chair for the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

**Additions and deletions to the agenda-** A motion was made and unanimously passed to add the following to the agenda: community calendar under Old Business, zoning issues under new business.

**Pay orders** were signed.

**Announcements and correspondence-** Misc. correspondence was passed around.

**Visitors and Concerned Citizens-**

**Chester Snowmobile Club-** Richard Bigwood asked the board for annual permission to use of the edge of a portion of Lowell Lake Road as a trail connection. This year the amount of the road used has to be expanded due to a landowner denying permission. They also asked to use the first approximately 100 feet of Cromack Lane across Rte. 11. A motion was made and unanimously approved to grant the request and a permission form was signed.

**Magic Circle dog issue-** Maryann Morris, Michael Sozek, James Edwards, and Jean Edwards attended the meeting to dispute a letter they received from the Town regarding their dogs. The letter stated that their dogs were identified as causing a problem with frequent barking, and asked the owners to address the issue or face possible enforcement according to the Town's Dog Ordinance. All the dog owners present denied that their dogs are causing a problem. Pat Salo spoke to his investigations of the issue. No further action was taken at this meeting.

Pat informed the board that the beavers are controlled on Green Mountain Trail.

**Minutes of November 3<sup>rd</sup> as amended, and Special Meetings minutes of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>** were approved and signed.

**Roads and bridges-**

**Overweight permit-** A permit application was received from RU Excavating. Approval was tabled until the insurance coverage is clarified.

**Survey of West River Street-** Research is ongoing as to whether a survey of West River Street should be done to verify the location of the right of way, and how much work and expense it would take.

**Guardrails on Winhall Hollow Road-** Duane advised the board that, because of Complete Streets requirements, guardrails will need to be replaced when the road is repaved next year. Estimated cost is \$17,550. We will look further into the requirements for replacement of the guardrails.

**Garage painting** is done.

### **Transfer Station-**

**Open hours at the Transfer Station-** Esther was in attendance to discuss the implementation of new hours. We are now required to have “parallel” hours, meaning that the transfer station hours and recycling hours need to be the same. After discussion of options, a motion was made and unanimously passed to establish new hours, for both the transfer station and recycling, of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, to be effective 1/1/15.

Sunday hours- A motion was made and unanimously passed to establish a pilot program for Sunday open hours from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, effective 1/1/15. We will advertise for a part time person for Sunday staffing.

**Liquor Board-** No business.

### **Old business-**

**Community calendar-** Paul has investigated some options for establishing a community calendar on the website. A company called Calendarwiz costs \$154.00 per year. The question was tabled until the next regular meeting.

### **New business-**

**Traffic complaints on Main Street/Thompsonburg Rd.-** The board received a letter from Gary Longley expressing concerns about speeding and truck traffic. The board will respond to the letter as to what the Town is currently doing to look at these issues.

**Town Hall repairs-** Items needing fixing are: roof slate, hatchway cover, window boxes, and a broken glass pane. Richard Slowe has been contacted about the slate. Kevin will contact a local carpenter about the other repairs.

**Zoning issues, Chad Stoddard pellet business-** Bob Cowles had received a call from Chad, feeling enforcement of bylaws is inconsistent. No further action was taken.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:46.**