

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
March 30, 2015

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Wayne Blanchard, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Tina Labeau, Wesley Ameden, Matt Mosher, Mike Lizzari

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed add going into executive session at the end of the meeting for employee matters.

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Announcements- Paul spoke about the Town's website use. The numbers show use went up 30% between 2013 and 2014. In comparable months in 2014 to 2015 unique visitors are up 65 and 77%.

Correspondence- 2014 audit report, letter from Geico re: denial of coverage on a guardrail claim, copy of the letter sent from the Selectboard to the Public Service Board re: the VTel tower, Public Facilities Grant approval letter from Two Rivers Regional Planning Commission, Property Tax Appeals Workshop, Dry Hydrant Program announcement, Better Back Roads application.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Wesley Ameden of Ameden Construction- The contract with Ameden Construction for the Lowell Lake culvert project was discussed. Paul told the board he may need to recuse himself due to his living near the project and having concerns about traffic flow on Mtn. Lake Road. The length of time that Lowell Lake Road needs to be closed was discussed. The start date for work in the stream is July 1. It was discussed whether work could start on July 6 after the 4th of July weekend due to traffic. Wesley verbally agreed but the delayed start date was not added to the contract. The possibility of opening the road on weekends was also discussed. A motion was made and unanimously passed to sign the contract and both parties signed.

Kevin asked the board about meeting on May 4th at 6:00 on Mtn. Lake Road to discuss the needed improvement work to accommodate detour traffic. The board agreed to plan a public meeting for some time in May

Minutes- A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the March 16th minutes.

Roads and bridges-

Overweight permits- Applications from Lawrence White, Gurney Bros., United Natural Foods, Williams Construction, St. Pierre, Inc., Double D, Frost Wells, and Weston Island Logging were unanimously approved and signed.

Highway Mileage Certificate- The certificate was signed. There are some adjustments to be made but they will be done next year.

Salt usage- Season to date usage is 1278 tons.

Safe Routes to School- Flood Brook School sent a letter to Duane regarding this initiative to provide bike and walking routes to school. A meeting will be held April 22 or 23 and the Town should be represented.

Worksafe audit- Duane and Kevin are working on responses to recommendations that resulted from inspection of the garage.

Transfer Station- Paul expressed thanks to Steve Prouty for his work on obtaining the thumb for the backhoe.

Liquor Board- Applications for the American Grill, Jelley Enterprises, Swiss Inn, and Jakes were approved and signed. There was discussion that we will not hold a special meeting in the future to approve applications that aren't received before the last regular meeting in March.

Old business-

Grader Purchase- The Selectboard has been looking into the purchase of a Volvo grader that is available at an attractive price. Sales representative Mike Lizzari from Woods CRW Corp, the dealer with the grader being considered, came to the meeting. The board reviewed the proposal, which includes a trade in allowance for the Town's John Deere grader of \$40,000. Purchase price with trade in is \$183,170. The dealer can provide a 5 year lease purchase arrangement at 2.49% interest and annual payments of \$38,457.82.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to purchase the grader as an "emergency purchase" as defined in our Purchasing Policy, and finance it as offered with the 5 year lease purchase. Papers were signed and the purchase was completed at the meeting.

Fire truck purchase contract- The Secretary of State's Office advises that Towns not enter into any agreements that have been voted at Town Meeting until the 30 day period has passed when voters could petition to reconsider the vote. A motion was made and unanimously passed to table consideration of signing the agreement until the April 6th meeting.

Policies- There are a number of written policies being reviewed and updated, plus some new ones being drafted. Included are: Winter Roads Policy, Personnel Policy, Facility Use Policy, Drug and Alcohol Policy, and Conflict of Interest Policy. Also being looked at is the Town's Dog Ordinance.

Genser HMGP project- Kevin asked the board if they would commit to supporting removing the floodwall on the property, as required by FEMA to complete the buyout, if the planned HEC RAS engineering study indicates that the wall could be removed without adverse impact on the Town or highway infrastructure. The board declined to make that commitment at this time but reaffirmed that we will move ahead with the HEC RAS study and consider the results when it is done.

New business-

Pay rates for Lister Sandra Clark and Zoning Administrator Paul Dexter- A motion was made and unanimously approved to raise both to \$20.00/hour, effective immediately.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to go into executive session at 9:30 for employee matters.

Came out of executive session at 9:47.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to allow Steve Twitchell to return to work when his doctor says he is at 100% capacity to do his work.

Adjourned at 9:55.