

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 21, 2014

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Kevin Beattie, GNAT TV, Duane Hart, Sharon Crossman, Matt Kujovsky, Merry Kujovsky, Mark Wright, Roger Sheehan, Oliver Olsen

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

**Pay orders** were signed.

**Announcements-** The third Community Drug Forum meeting is tomorrow night at 6:00 PM, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Visitors and Concerned Citizens-**

**Town Clerk items-** Kelly has obtained two prices for the floor refinishing in the Town Office. Both are approximately \$1300. A motion was made and unanimously passed to have Rusty do the job, based on his price being competitive and his past work for the town.

**Parks Board items-** A person has been living in one of the ball field dugouts this spring. Some calls were made and he has now moved out. Currently the gate is being kept locked until the ground dries up.

Chaves Excavating has done some work preparing for the playground.

There is still some cleanup to be done after this winter's logging. Still waiting for the ground to dry up before this can be completed.

Kelly asked if the road crew will be mowing parks as in the recent past. That is the plan for now.

Kelly asked if revenue from the septage field would go into the parks fund. Kevin pointed out that this year's budget specifies the septage revenue would go into the General Fund. No action was taken.

Kelly asked if the road crew will be helping with the playground project on May 30.

Duane says yes.

**Noor property-** The Town of Londonderry, as owner of the Shamberg property, holds deeded legal right to access across the Noor property to the Shamberg property. Mark Wright, representing the Conservation Commission, requested that the Selectboard consider relinquishing that right of way. Matt and Merry Kujovsky are planning to purchase the Noor property and are offering to pay the Town \$2000 plus legal costs to give up the right of way. Mark stated that the Town doesn't need this access to the Shamberg property. Mark also requested that the \$2000 go into the Conservation Fund. A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the offer from the Kujovsky's of \$2000 plus legal costs to give up the right of way, with the funds to go into the Conservation Fund.

**Constable issue-** Roger Sheehan reported that he has been trying to deal with dog and trespass complaints by Greg Benedict on Magic Circle. This has been an ongoing issue for several years and Pat Salo, Animal Control Officer, has investigated several times. Pat has not been able to determine a problem that the Town has jurisdiction over.

Steve, Roger, and Pat will set up a visit to see if there is anything further the Town can do to help settle the complaints.

**Mural update-** Sharon Crossman showed the board some photos of design work that Casey Bailey's art students at Flood Brook have done. The design will be approved by VTrans, the Thrifty Attic, and the Rotary Club before being painted on the wall. The board would like to have it displayed somewhere in town so that the public could comment as well before it goes on the wall. A sample of the design will go on display at the shopping center, also the website and the email listserv and comments will be invited.

**Planning Commission/After the Flood Renewal Task Force-** The group has met and will be meeting on site this week.

**Village Center Designation-** Jeff Nugent at WRC is working on maps delineating boundaries for Village Center Designation.

**Minutes of the April 7 meeting** were approved and signed.

## **Roads and bridges-**

**Overweight permits-** Permits were unanimously approved for Comb's Trucking and Larry Brown.

**Highway Department work plan-** Duane presented a six month work plan for the summer season. It will be posted on the Town website and kept updated with changes.

**Cutting edges-** Duane obtained prices for cutting edges and recommends purchasing from Atlantic Broom for an amount not to exceed \$3000 in accordance with this year's budget. A motion was made and unanimously passed to go with Duane's recommendation.

**International truck-** Is being worked on.

**Paving cracks-** It was a rough winter for pavement cracking. Duane and Steve met with Wilk Paving and got some recommendations for crack sealing. Duane is gathering prices for doing some sealing on Little Pond Road.

## **Transfer Station items-**

The **food composting** program will be starting May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Greenup Day May 3rd-** Volunteers are needed.

**Liquor Board-** The board approved and signed applications from Jelley Enterprises, Chocolate and Pepper LLC, and Turner Enterprises.

### **Old business-**

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program projects-** Kevin gave the board an update on current status of the projects.

### **New business-**

**Flood Brook playground demolition-** Greg Harrington at Flood Brook has asked if the Town could supply trucks for the playground demolition this week. A motion was made and unanimously passed to deny the request.

**The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society** has requested to photograph the Schokler paintings that hang in the Town Office. The board would like more information on the purpose and will ask Sally Ogden to attend a meeting and answer questions. The question was tabled for this meeting.

**Tax sales** are scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. Joan Dayton has asked whether the Town will bid on any properties. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously passed that Jim Ameden will attend the tax sales on behalf of the Town, and Town will bid the minimum required amount on any properties that do not otherwise receive a bid.

**Library tag sale-** The library has asked to use Town property in a similar manner as last year for the Memorial Day weekend tag sale. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the request.

**Position statement-** Paul wrote a position statement regarding a complaint made to selectboard members about an occurrence on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and made a motion that the Selectboard discuss the statement in open session. The motion was passed unanimously.

Paul then read the following statement and made a motion that the board accept the statement into the minutes of this meeting:

*“On March 17, 2014 the Londonderry Select Board met in executive session to discuss an employee issue (per statute and by motion passed by the board). While discussions taking place in executive session are normally not made in public, it has been agreed to by all parties that public disclosure of this discussion be made. Hence, this statement: Questions regarding theft of town property by Mr. Duane Hart, Londonderry Road Foreman, were asked and an explanation of happenings on Sunday, February 23, 2014 were offered by Mr. Hart. As per statute, no action was taken during that session.*”

*It is at this time that the issue is brought to the regular meeting of the Select Board. It is the position of the Select Board that a satisfactory explanation of the occurrence in question on said Sunday was offered and accepted by the board. No further action regarding this issue will be taken.*

*The Select Board asks for and encourages input from citizens of Londonderry. Community members are encouraged to attend board meetings and participate in the Visitors and Concerned Citizens portion of the meeting. The board is appalled at the rumors and misinformation that have been circulating. We further discourage the posting of rumors and misinformation on social media.”*

The motion was unanimously passed.

Paul then read the following statement and made a motion to incorporate the second statement into the minutes:

*“I offer this motion to thank Mr. Hart for his dedication and unselfish work ethic to the Town of Londonderry. He has proven to be exceptional in fulfilling his responsibilities and I offer the board’s full support of his actions. I further want to acknowledge the work of his entire road crew for their selfless work during this lengthy winter season and offer them encouragement during the current mud season.”*

The motion was unanimously passed.

**Local Emergency Operations Plan, NIMS adoption, and Delegations of Authority-** Motions were made to approve, adopt, and sign these documents. The motions were approved unanimously.

**Town Media Policy for the website, newsletter, and email list-** Paul has written a draft policy. It will be reviewed by board members and is tabled for adoption until the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Use of Town Hall-** Felicity Haselton applied for use of the Town Hall two times per week for Bellyfit classes. The board unanimously approved the request.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.**