

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2014

Present: Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Dick Dale, Sharon Crossman, Kathy Stone, Chris Company,

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM with Steve Prouty acting as chair.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed to add the following items to the agenda: RFP for paving, bear problem at the Transfer Station, Conservation Commission reappointments, Flood Brook School survey, and credit card payments to the town.

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed

Announcements and correspondence- Kevin passed along proposed tax rates for this year: Municipal rate- .2328, Fiscal year fund- .0238, Local option- .0007. These will be finalized and set by the board at the 7/21 meeting. In addition we have received the education rates from the state: nonresidential- \$1.4505, homestead- \$1.4578.

Also passed around: the Animal Control Officer bill which included some beaver control work, and a letter from Felicity Haselton.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Town Clerk- Open meeting laws- Kelly discussed some of the key points of the new rules, which include agenda and minutes posting requirements for all town boards and commissions. Kelly will take care of the posting of both on the website except for the Selectboard, which will be handled by Kevin, but needs the responsible persons from each board and commission to get items to her. She will purchase another corkboard for the North Derry post office at a cost of about \$85.00.

There was some discussion of the Town website and where the agendas and minutes should go. Bob asked if our legislators' contact info could be put on and Paul agreed to do it.

Flood Brook School Survey- Neal McIntyre at Flood Brook asked Kelly to send out a short survey via the Town's email distribution list. A motion was made and unanimously passed to not send it out via the email list, but to put a link to it on the website and in the next monthly newsletter.

Genser FEMA buyout discussion- Chris Company from Windham Regional Commission attended to help the board work through analyzing options and making some decisions regarding the Outlet Barn buyout and the floodwall on the property. Kevin asked the Selectboard to take a position for the Town regarding how to move forward

with the project. However, with two board members not present, making a position decision was tabled.

It has been suggested to do a study of flood stage water flow patterns (“HEC RAS”), but at this point it is unclear how to fund the study or what it would accomplish in settling the floodwall issue. Sharon spoke in support of proceeding with the study, being useful information in predicting future flooding.

Chris explained that there may be alternate funding for a buyout through Community Development Block Grant funds. There are many questions to be investigated as to whether this will be a viable source, and whether the project can be funded this way without removing the wall.

No action was taken at this meeting.

Minutes of the June 16th and June 30th meetings were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

River and Road Management training- Duane is attending August 19th and 20th.

Paving- Duane has an RFP ready to go out for reconstruction and paving on Old Stowell Hill and Reilly Roads. It was agreed that this should go out for bids per town policy. Bids will be opened the first meeting in August. We have one estimate from Wilk Paving for about \$140,000.

Chloride treatment- Since switching to a liquid calcium chloride solution treatment this year, we have had some concern from a citizen. It was agreed to put a public information piece on the website and in the monthly newsletter explaining the liquid treatment.

This week the road crew will be doing **graveling** on Under the Mountain Road.

“Share the Road” signs on West River Street. It has been requested again to put up two of these signs. We will get them ordered.

Access permit- The Cemetery Commission submitted an application for an improved access to the cemetery on Middletown Road. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the application, with the fee waived since the Cemetery Commission is a town body.

There are several other approved accesses that need a final inspection by the road foreman.

Transfer Station items-

Bear problem- Possible solutions were discussed to keep bears out of the food scrap bay, including moving to one of the end bays.

Budgeting- Esther and Keith will be asked to come to the next meeting to discuss including Keith in the budgeting process.

Liquor Board- None.

Old business-

Grout vehicles on West River Street- Gary Grout hasn't moved the vehicles out of the road as requested. There was discussion of whether the Town should have an ordinance covering this situation. Kevin will contact the State Police to see if there is legal authority to have the vehicles removed, and follow up with VLCT for advice.

Septic smell at the Stoddard property on Route 100- There was some continued discussion but no further action taken.

T shirts- Paul presented some prices from Ad Hoc Art for a total of 24 shirts with a "Town of Londonderry" logo, for a total of \$466.00. A motion was made and unanimously approved to make the expenditure.

Credit card payments to the Town- The Treasurer was not present to discuss this item, so it was tabled for a future meeting.

New business-

Log landing on Town property- Ron Knight of Jamaica has asked to use Town property adjacent to the Town Office parking lot for a log landing, for logging on adjacent property. An alternate option would be near the town garage. No action was taken, and the Town will meet with Mr. Knight to work out details.

Reappointment of Conservation Commission members- A letter from the Conservation Commission asked for reappointment of Mark Wright and Irwin Kuperberg for another four year term each. A motion was made and unanimously passed to reappoint both to another four year term.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35.