

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2014

Present: Jim Ameden, Paul Gordon, Bob Cowles, Cathy Aragi, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Dick Dale, Sharon Crossman, Sandra Clark, Julie Adams, Anna Boarini (Manchester Journal), Joan Dayton, Debbie O'Leary, Colleen Gometz, Scott Howe

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed to add the Town Office handicap ramp under "new business".

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Announcements and correspondence- Employee T-shirts have arrived and are in use.

Pingree Park Family Fun Day is August 17.

There is a multi-agency conference call scheduled for Thursday, August 8 at 10:00 AM regarding the floodwall on the Genser property.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Howe property on Rte. 100- Scott Howe spoke with the board about selling a property adjacent to the Transfer Station to the Town. This was discussed 4-5 years ago but Scott and the Selectboard did not agree on a price at that time.

Scott informed the board that his asking price is now \$209,000. There is a discrepancy in the acreage for the parcel between the Grand List (20 acres) and a survey dated 2007 (36 acres). The Selectboard will gather information and look into it further. No action was taken.

Genser property planning- Members of the Planning Commission, After the Flood Task Force, and the Parks Board discussed the status of the HMGP buyouts and how it affects moving ahead with planning for the properties. Sharon said that one of the next steps will be to plan for a public information meeting.

Kevin filled everyone in on the status of the floodwall issue. Last meeting the board voted to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds for a floodwater HEC RAS study with the hope that it will help to settle the floodwall issue. However, new information is that CDBG wants the Town to apply for FEMA funds for the HEC RAS first, and in the end if FEMA doesn't cover the costs, then CDBG will. A motion was

made and unanimously passed to proceed with applying for FEMA funds for the HEC RAS study.

Kelly asked if Kevin could send out an email update after the conference call on Thursday.

Minutes of the July 21st meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Better Back Roads Winhall Hollow culvert project- We have approval for a Better Back Roads grant of \$10,000 for the project. Duane sent an RFP to three contractors and received prices from Chaves Excavating and Hunter Excavating. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously passed to award the job to Chaves Excavating. The Chaves' estimate for the job is \$16,074.70.

Paving bids- The following total bids were received for reclaiming and paving on Old Stowell Hill and Reilly Roads:

Whitcolm-	158,059.64
Wilk-	149,819.53
Lane-	157,912.80
Fuller-	140,280.25

Duane expressed some concern about the quality of the work done by Fuller last year and recommended awarding the job to Wilk. A motion was made and unanimously passed to award the job to Wilk Paving.

Howard Hill Road damage- This road sustained some damage during thunderstorms on July 28th. Due to the amount of damage in Chester, Windham, and Andover, there is the possibility of a disaster declaration and assistance on the repair costs. FEMA will be in the area this week. Duane and Kevin will work to finalize the repair costs and get assistance funding if it's available.

Edge Hill Road- Some of the challenges of maintaining this road were discussed.

Middletown Road- Duane advised the board that Middletown Road will be closed to through traffic tomorrow to do some repairs to culverts and drains.

Transfer Station items- None.

Liquor Board- None.

Old business-

Parking Ordinance- The Town's attorney has reviewed the draft of the proposed ordinance. It appears that signs may be required on all affected roads. The ordinance was tabled until the sign question is further investigated.

Unifirst settlement- The Town's attorney advises offering Unifirst a settlement of half the requested amount. A motion was made and unanimously passed to offer to settle with Unifirst for \$1000.00

NIMS compliance- Requirements include the road crew taking ICS 100 by October. Duane will make plans to get that done.

New business-

Town Office basement- It's a wet year and the basement is damper than usual. Kevin asked if we should consider making plans to do perimeter drains around the west and north sides of the building. No action was taken.

Handicap ramp- The ramp at the Town Office needs repair or replacement. Jim A. will look at it to see what should be done.

September Selectboard meetings- Due to Labor Day on September 1, the September Selectboard meetings will be Sept. 8th and Sept. 22nd.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.