

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2014

Present: Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Bob Cowles, Cathy Aragi, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Dick Dale, Sharon Crossman, Sandra Clark, Oliver Olsen, Esther Fishman, Keith Barton, Jim Wilbur, Walter Genser, Bette Genser, Gary Grout

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with Steve Prouty acting as chair.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- None

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed, except for a pay order for a contract settlement with Unifirst Corporation, which will be withheld until consulting with the Town's attorney.

Announcements and correspondence- Kevin passed around miscellaneous correspondence.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Sandra Clark for the Listers- Waiver of the 8% Homestead late filing penalty- Sandra asked the board to waive the penalty for 8 taxpayers who filed late but have since completed it. A motion was made and unanimously passed to waive the penalty for these eight. The board did not vote to waive the penalty for any who still have not filed by the time the Town's tax bills have gone out.

Esther Fishman and Keith Barton- Transfer Station items-

Bear issue- Keith has installed a metal gate on the bay where the compost bins are. We will hold off on any other bear proofing efforts until we see how the gate works.

Computer at the Transfer Station- Fairpoint does not provide high speed internet in the area of the Transfer Station. No further action taken.

Esther wants to provide **signs giving positive feedback** for people who are recycling. There was discussion of how to fit the cost into the budget.

Petition- The Selectboard has received a petition asking for increased recycling hours and open hours on Sunday. Keith has given it some thought and proposes changing his hours to 8 AM to 4 PM, with Steve being 9-5, and open hours being 9 to 4:00 or 4:30. Paul suggested doing a survey about open hours, possibly an online survey. He will look into ways to accomplish that and what costs there may be. No further action was taken.

Ordinance- Esther alerted the board that, with new solid waste legislation, the Town may need to create an ordinance requiring all trash haulers to be registered, provide parallel collecting, and reporting. Since we're not a solid waste district, each of the five towns might need to pass an ordinance.

Genser FEMA buyout discussion- Kevin presented some new information just received, regarding the possibility of using Community Development Block Grant funding to accomplish a floodwater "HEC RAS" study, and to possibly fund the buyout. Three possible options for moving forward were discussed. A motion was made to proceed with having a HEC RAS study completed using CDBG funds. The motion passed with three members voting yes and one member voting no.

Gary Grout and vehicles on West River Street- The board informed Gary that no vehicles can be left parked on the town right of way. Gary disagrees that his vehicles are on the travelled portion of the highway or that they are in the way of traffic flow or road maintenance. Gary has concerns about safety on the road and feels that his vehicles help to slow down traffic. The board reiterated their request that the vehicles be moved out of the roadway. No other action was taken.

Parks Board- Kelly reported that the SERV group (a volunteer group hosted by the Baptist Church) is here this week doing some work in Pingree Park on a footbridge and walking trail.

The tennis court will be done in August, basketball equipment is ordered.

Fun Day is August 17th, including a pig roast.

Minutes of the July 7th meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Overweight permits for Ameden Construction and Big Rock Gravel were approved. The only local operator left without a permit is RU Excavating. Kevin will write a letter to the Underwoods.

Duane updated the board on his work plan.

Transfer Station items- No further action taken at this time. See the discussions above with Esther and Keith.

Liquor Board- None.

Old business-

Credit card payments- Jim Wilbur recommends that the Town contract with Express Pay to set up the Town to accept credit card payments for taxes, and possibly other types

of payments in the future. The cost to the town for this service will be \$300 per year. It will take approximately four weeks to get the service in place. A motion was made and unanimously passed to set up the service.

New business-

2014 tax rates- A motion was made and unanimously passed to set the following tax rates for 2014:

Municipal tax-	.2328
Fiscal year change fund-	.0238
Local option tax-	.0018

Parking Ordinance- A draft of a proposed parking ordinance was reviewed and discussed. This ordinance, if passed, would be year around and would replace the ordinance now in effect that only covers the winter months. There are a few suggested changes to be made, then it will be sent to the Town's attorney for review.

Unifirst bill- Unifirst has invoiced the Town for payments to close out the service agreement that previously existed between the two parties. The Town's attorney will be consulted before settling.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35.