

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2014

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Melissa Hart, Sharon Crossman, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Manchester Journal, Collen Gometz, Jennifer Cobb, Bob Wells, Barbara Wells, Joan Dayton, Stuart Osnow, Corey Stoddard, Josh Wengerd, George Mora, Kathie Stone, Chad Stoddard, Rebecca Skandera

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed

Announcements- A meeting is on Wednesday at 10:00 regarding the flood wall on the Genser Barn Outlet property.

The Lowell Lake Rd. project public informational meeting is this coming Saturday at 5:00 at the Town Office.

Sharon reported that the Village Center Designation application has been submitted.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

After the Flood Report- In attendance were members of the Planning Commission, the Parks Board, Garden Club, and the ATF planning task force/working group- Sharon, Bob and Barb Wells, Joan, Stuart, Josh, George, Kathie, Kelly, and Colleen. A copy of the latest conceptual drawings for design ideas for the two Genser properties and Williams Park were view by the board. The general concept favored by the group is for the three combined properties to become a "Town Green". The issue of the flood wall on the Genser property and how it affects future plans was discussed. The board took no action on this report.

Run/walk Race on July 5th- Jennifer Cobb is putting together this event as a fundraiser for the 4th of July (fireworks) Committee. The race will go from the shopping center in a loop using Old Stowell Hill, Landgrove, Barker, and Hell's Peak Roads and Rte. 11. She discussed with the board use of the town roads, signage, and traffic control. A professional race organizer has been hired to promote and organize the event. VTrans has asked for documentation that the Town has approved the event, and proof of insurance. There was discussion of whose insurance that would be and it was speculated that it would be the Chamber of Commerce as the sponsor of the 4th of July Committee. The Chamber is no longer active but their liability policy is still in effect through this year. There was discussion of having the Town Constables provide help with traffic control. The board took no action regarding the event, but had no objections to it occurring.

Chad Stoddard and septic smell issues- There has been a problem at the Stoddard residence for several years with a septic smell that comes through his drains. The Town Health Officer has made numerous attempts to identify the source and remedy the problem. Several septic systems in the neighborhood have been checked, including the Stoddard's, and no problems have been identified with the systems. There is a system of drain pipes in the neighborhood that apparently interconnect. Rebecca Skandera, next door neighbor, verified that she has a septic smell sometimes on her property as well.

There was discussion about the Corey Stoddard property on Williams Street. At the time Corey purchased the property there was a failed septic system. Corey asserts that the problem has been fixed and the system works at this time.

There was discussion of the Town's involvement and responsibilities with this issue. Septic systems fall under state authority. Some possible solutions were discussed for Chad to try, within his house and his cellar drain. No action was taken by the board at this meeting.

Town Clerk- Kelly reports that records show there are 54 unlicensed dogs in town. Some of these dogs may no longer be in town or may be deceased.

Kelly thanked Selectboard members, the road crew, and other Town employees and officials who helped with the playground equipment at Pingree Park.

Minutes of the May 19 meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Letter from Larry and Cindy Gubb- The Gubbs sent a letter to the Selectboard with some concerns and possible mitigations at the intersections of Middletown Road, Edge Hill Road, and Rte. 11. They also suggested a lower speed limit on Middletown Road. The general feeling of the board is that the issues identified by the Gubbs would not be significantly mitigated in making the suggested changes, and the costs would be high. Kevin will write a reply letter. Otherwise no action was taken.

International fuel tank- The tank needs to be replaced due to corrosion. Duane recommends going to a steel tank at a cost of \$1485. A motion was made and unanimously passed for that purchase if a repair of the existing tank is not feasible at a reasonable cost.

Overweight permit- A permit for Merrill Construction was unanimously approved.

Health insurance- One of the road employees wants to switch from two person to family coverage. Kevin will take care of making the change.

Underground utilities- Duane would like to see a review process for underground utilities within the Town right of ways. Weston has an ordinance or policy, Duane will obtain a copy of that as a possible model.

VTrans grants- Kevin will check on status.

Transfer Station items-

A Selectboard member has heard that a petition is being circulated about changing the hours of operation of the Transfer Station. No further action occurred on this subject.

Liquor Board- None.

Old business-

Question of an old town road connecting Cobble Ridge Road and Derry Woods Road- Kelly and Kevin did some research and find no evidence of there ever being a town road in that location. There is evidence in the land records of a private road in that location that by deed restriction was required to be discontinued.

Timber sale closeout letter- A motion was made and unanimously passed to sign this letter which documents closing the contract with the timber sale being completed.

Appropriations request form- A draft of this form was reviewed by the board. The form clarifies, to any organization requesting an appropriation at Town Meeting, what the Town requires from the organization to include in the Town Report. A motion was made and unanimously passed to use the form as drafted.

Administrator job description- Some of the board members needed more time to look it over. It was tabled for additional individual review.

New business-

CAMA agreement- This is an annual agreement for payment and use of the lister's software. A motion was made and unanimously approved to sign the agreement.

Scheduling of employee reviews- The board decided to do these on two nights other than the regular meeting nights. Dates will be set after board members have a chance to consult their calendars. In the meantime Kevin will send out the review form to everyone involved.

School Resource Officer- Cathy asked how arrangements for Flood Brook School could move forward with Winhall PD. She will speak with the Collaborative to help clarify who would actually contract and pay for the service.

The open meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM. A motion was made and unanimously approved to go into executive session to discuss employee matters at 9:45. Came out of executive session at 10:00 and adjourned.