

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2014

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie (by speaker phone), Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Dick Dale, Nick Doane, Sandra Clark, Kelly Pajala, Tina Labeau

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM. Went into executive session for an employee review. Came out of executive session at 7:05.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- The Conservation Commission was deleted from Visitors and Concerned Citizens because their questions were resolved before the meeting.

Pay orders were signed.

Announcements and correspondence- Misc. correspondence was passed around. Kelly reminded everyone of election day on November 4th.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Beautification Committee- Berthe Cowles attended to suggest that the Town form a beautification committee for the purpose of managing various projects in town to keep the town looking good. She gave a brief history of the Mountain Valley Challenge, which started the farmers market, flower boxes on the bridges, and the welcome signs in the approaches to town.

She proposed a committee to take over these projects plus the flags on North Main Street and that the Town maintain a budget to fund these items. The board asked Berthe to work on coming up with some interested people for the committee. The board also asked Berthe to work on a budget number that would cover the items talked about. No further action was taken.

Listers- Sandra Clark informed the board that a correction has been made to the Grand List. A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the change.

Parks Board- An application has been submitted for a Buildings and General Services grant for \$9000. This will go toward the planned dog park and improvements on the ball fields. A Land and Water Conservation Fund grant is also being applied for.

There will be a Valentine's Day dance again this year as a fundraiser. More details to come.

Kelly extended thanks to Chad Bessette for work on the tennis courts.

Bottles- There have been some difficulties with getting the returnables transported to the redemption center. The problems are being worked on. Paul proposed that Keith be the coordinator between the various parties involved to be sure the bottles are transported when needed.

Minutes of the October 6th meeting and Oct 10th special meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Budget- Duane reported that we are tight on this year's budget and some of the planned work between now and the end of the year will be limited. The chloride budget has some room left in it and Duane proposed to purchase a liquid chloride system for one truck for winter usage. He predicts that this would help reduce overall salt usage. Salt prices are going up this year.

Old salt shed at the town garage- Mulch hay has been cleaned out and Duane plans to put 200 yards of sand in it for this winter. We don't put salt in our sand so there won't be any contamination problems.

Paving is completed on Old Stowell Hill and Reilly Roads. Next year Winhall Hollow Road will be done. Duane will put it out for bid in February. There was discussion of doing crack filling on Little Pond Road. The cost effectiveness of doing crack filling needs to be investigated.

Winhall use of a garage bay- A motion was made and unanimously passed to sign an agreement with the Town of Winhall to allow them to house one of their trucks in our garage this winter.

Parking Ordinance- The new parking ordinance that was approved at a previous meeting was signed and will be posted for 60 days. In the meantime the existing winter parking ordinance will take effect on Nov. 1.

Transfer Station- No business

Liquor Board- No business

Old business-

Community Resilience Organization project- Kevin asked for an indication from the board whether they support moving ahead with finding interested persons for a committee for the project. The board supported doing some outreach to find committee members.

Fuel tank removal- Two quotes were received for removing the old underground fuel tank at the Town Office building:
Harper Environmental- \$1200 plus \$220 for any additional barrels (over one) of waste to be disposed of.
KAS, Inc.- \$3380 plus \$220 per barrel over one.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to contract with Harper Environmental for the work.

New business-

Discussion of content in the Londonderry Monthly- There have been some comments that some announcements for benefit events look like advertising for the hosting businesses. After discussion the board agreed that we should only accept editable text announcements for events that are hosted by businesses and to be sure they don't have the appearance of advertising the business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.