

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2015

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Bob Cowles, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Keith Barton, Steve Twitchell, Tina Labeau, Dick Dale, Emmett Dunbar, Tom Fuller, Mike Mullin, Josh Wengert, Pete Cobb, Chloe Genevart, Wesley Genovart, Esme Genovart

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to go into executive session for an employee matter.

Came out of executive session at 7:10.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed to add the following items to the agenda:

VTel tower proposal on Glebe Mountain

Diesel fuel prices

Town Hall roof damage

Hammond Engineering service agreement for the Lowell Lake Road project

Pay orders were signed.

Announcements and correspondence- There is a BCA hearing on Thursday, 2/26. Misc. correspondence was passed around.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

SoLo Farm and Table parking- The Genovart's, the restaurant's owners, met with the board to discuss past parking issues. It was generally agreed that efforts are being made to mitigate the problem. By agreement with the Town, restaurant patrons can park in the Town Hall parking lot. They also have permission to use the Baptist Church parking lot, and that may be in the form of a written agreement in the future.

Construction access at 3488 Winhall Hollow Road- Josh Wengert of Redesign Construction attended to discuss parking of construction vehicles and placement of rolloff dumpsters at this location for a renovation project. At this time the only space available encroaches into the highway right of way, but for the most part doesn't get into the travelled portion of the road. Josh expressed his intention to work with the Town to be able to do the work. The board agreed to issue a temporary access permit with requirements for marking and signage when vehicles or rolloffs are on site. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve and sign a temporary access permit.

Paving bids- The following sealed bids were received for repaving Winhall Hollow Road in 2015:

Wilk Paving	\$65.90/ton	\$353,158.10
Peckham Industries	60.84/ton	404,449.00
Pike Industries	62.90/ton	347,396.70
Fuller Sand and Gravel	60.00/ton	325,260.00
Springfield Paving	66.28/ton	371,287.00

After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously passed to award the bid to Fuller Sand and Gravel.

VTel tower- Dick Dale represented the Planning Commission and filled in the Selectboard on the latest knowledge of the project. The Planning Commission is interested in hearing opinions from Town citizens. A quick poll of Selectboard members indicated that most are generally in favor of the project because of the improved and broadband service that it will provide. There was discussion of conducting a poll at Town Meeting. Bob Cowles asked about whether there will be a decommissioning fund. Dick will look into that.

Minutes of the Feb. 3rd meeting were unanimously approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Grader- The grader has a blown engine and will be down for a while. The engine model is a hard one to find so at this point a rebuilt engine has not been located. Various repair options were discussed. The possibility of renting a grader from Brown Enterprises was discussed.

Oil analysis- The analysis for the backhoe indicates potential engine problems as well. We will send another sample to recheck.

Duane expressed **thank you's** to Nate Chaves, Steve Prouty, and Danny Cobb for assisting with the grader when it was broken down on Spring Hill Road.

Fuel prices- Are currently up due to the rough winter. We have 1-2 months supply and will hold off on a purchase hoping that the price will drop again.

Transfer Station- Sundays are still going good.

Liquor Board- None

Old business-

Overweight permits- At a previous meeting the board had tabled consideration of some permit applications until we investigated the enforceability of the restriction on through

traffic on Thompsonburg and Middletown Roads. That question is being investigated but not yet answered. It was decided to go ahead and continue issuing permits in the meantime.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve permits for RK Miles, Newport Sand and Gravel, and Graves Trucking. A motion was also made and unanimously passed to approve a permit for RU Excavating.

Middletown Road/Route 11 intersection- Kevin provided updates on progress with obtaining accident information for that location. The board agreed to proceed with setting up a traffic study for all of Middletown Road and the intersections at both ends.

Selectboard statement of position at Town Meeting regarding the fire truck purchase- Paul asked if the board wants to make a statement when the Article comes up at Town Meeting. A motion was made and unanimously passed to make a statement. Paul will work on a draft to be reviewed at the 3/2 Selectboard meeting.

New business-

Service agreement with Hammond Engineering for oversight of the Lowell Lake Road box culvert- A motion was made and unanimously passed to enter into an agreement with Hammond Engineering at an estimated cost of \$7800.00. The cost will be covered under the VTrans Structures Grant for the project. There was discussion of holding another public information meeting before the project begins.

Drug and Alcohol Policy- Our insurance carrier has brought to our attention that we do not have a required drug and alcohol policy in place for our CDL drug testing program.

Building use policy- Our existing policy doesn't include a requirement for a building user to supply a certificate of liability insurance to the Town. Our insurance carrier is urging that we should include that requirement in our policy.

We will work on these policies. No action was taken at this time.

Town Hall roof- We recently sustained damage to the roof when a heavy snow load slid off. We will call Richard Slowe to evaluate and hopefully make repairs as soon as possible.

Went into executive session at 9:35 to further discuss employee matters.

Came out of executive session and meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.