

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2015

Present: Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Wayne Blanchard, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, GNAT TV, Tina Labeau, Dick Dale, Mark Fisher, Esther Fishman, Berthe Cowles, Bob Cowles, Jeane Zammataro, Maryann Morris, Kelly Pajala

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM. The board met on Mountain Lake Road to look at the extent of improvements that will be needed to use the road as a detour during construction on Lowell Lake Road this summer. Skip Coburn, Bart Coburn, and Mark Doane also attended this portion of the meeting.

At 7:00 the regular meeting started at the Town Office. In the absence of Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty acted as Chair of the meeting.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed to add an executive session at the end of the meeting, a discussion of Sheriff's Department services, and some Parks Board items.

Correspondence- The following correspondence was passed around: Human Resources workshop, Planning and Zoning Forum, dental plans from VLCT, Delinquent Tax Collectors workshop, thank you from HCRS, note from Marcia Camp, roadside mowing quote, Public Service Board re: VTel tower, VTrans letter re: Rte. 11 project, Selectboard letter from Sullivan, Powers, and Co., Flood Brook School indirect discharge permit.

Announcements- Village and Downtown gathering at the Depot on this Wednesday.

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens

TAM contract for the Transfer Station- Esther presented a contract to renew the agreement with TAM. The current contract expires in August. Signing it was tabled for a future meeting.

Farmers Market Itinerant Vendor License- Mark Fisher was present with the application. During discussion, Dick Dale asked if cones could be put in the center of Rte. 11 to slow down traffic. A motion was made to grant the license, and passed with a vote of 3 yes and Paul Gordon abstaining.

Safe Routes to School- Maryann Morris spoke about this initiative, which includes a request for the state to reduce the speed limit in the Flood Brook School area of Rte. 11 from 50 to 40 mph. The Town needs to request a traffic study in order to accomplish that, and Maryann will forward a letter draft for that purpose.

Parks items- Work has been started on the dog park fence at Pingree Park. The Parks Board would like to see rules for the dog park inserted into the Town's Dog Ordinance.

Parks Board members met with Green Mountain Power this morning re: putting power into the park. The Parks Board recommends putting primary power into the park so that service can be expanded in the future.

There was discussion of the revenue from the septage field. This revenue goes into the parks fund. It was agreed not to spend against that revenue until the money is actually received by the Town.

Sheriff's Department services- Jeane Zammataro asked if the Town would consider contracting with the Windham County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services. The Selectboard has had Keith Clark come to a meeting in the past and has received quotes for services, and has looked at other options since then. A motion was made and unanimously passed to invite the sheriff to come to the board again to revisit the options.

Beautification Committee- Bob and Berthe Cowles were in attendance to represent the beautification committee. Glebe Mtn. Gardens has provided a price for the flower boxes of \$1000. The flowers were ordered last fall. Next year additional prices will be obtained before making the purchase. A motion was made and approved to make the purchase this year from Glebe Mtn. Gardens for the quoted price. The vote was three yes, and Paul Gordon abstained. Berthe was asked to provide a list of people who are on the committee.

Phone system for the Town Office- Barry from Mountain Telecom was in attendance. Three prices were obtained, including two options from Mountain Telecom and one from Peak Communications. The three prices were \$2603.33, 3380.00, and 3998.50. A motion was made and unanimously passed to go with the second option from Mountain Telecom at \$3380.00, plus a seven year warranty on the phones for a total price of \$3635.56.

Dick Dale had a question for the board regarding timing on the Genser buyout projects and some questions about some empty buildings in town.

Minutes- A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the 4/20 minutes.

Roads and bridges-

Overweight Permits- A permit was unanimously approved and signed for Crandall Logging. An application from Cardinal Logistics was tabled until an insurance certificate is received.

Roadside mowing- The board opened a proposal from Bruce Orcutt for roadside mowing for the amount of \$9396.00. Duane is soliciting quotes, for informational purposes, to compare with continuing to do the mowing in house.

Highway department work plan- Street sweeping is done and the bulk of mud season work is done, tree cleanup and culvert cleaning is in progress.

Highway Field Day in Barre on May 13th.

Accoustic panel grant- Duane has applied for a \$5000 grant for acoustic panels for the garage.

Duane asked the board for time off from May 27 to June 1. He has comp time to cover it.

Transfer Station-

Liquor Board- None

Old business-

Job descriptions- Are in process of being reviewed and worked on.

Policies work- Tabled to the next meeting. There was discussion of holding a special meeting to work on them.

Montessori School letter- A letter is drafted for Renata Sawyer to sign that explains the use of the \$2000 appropriations request that was voted at Town Meeting.

New Business-

Public meeting for the Lowell Lake Road project- A date was set for the meeting on June 1 at 5:30 PM, preceding the Selectboard meeting that evening.

Use of the Prouty land for parking for the Frenly Gathering- The organizers asked if use of the property might be a possibility for the event. The board feels that the nature of the property is not suitable for large scale parking and turned down the request.

Subgrant agreement for Community Development Block Grant funding for the reuse of the Town owned properties- Grant funding for these projects has been awarded. A motion was made and unanimously passed to sign the agreement.

Worksafe/VOSHA policies and documents- Kevin gave the board a heads up that we have numerous documents and policies to produce to satisfy VOSHA requirements. Many require a single responsible person to be named on the document. The board agreed that the Town Administrator be the named person for the time being.

At 10:07, a motion was made and unanimously passed to go into executive session for employee matters.

Came out of executive session and adjourned at 11:00.