

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 31, 2015

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Tina Labeau, Dick Dale, Jim Twitchell, Melvin Twitchell, Dick Dale, Wendy Arace, Sharon Crossman, Oliver Olsen, Colleen , Kelly Pajala, Wendell Coleman

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM.

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

At 6:20, the selectboard meeting was suspended for a Board of Civil Authority meeting.

At 7:00, the selectboard meeting was reconvened.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed to add guardrail paint for the Lowell Lake Road project.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to add Will Crandall under visitors and concerned citizens.

Correspondence- The following correspondence was passed around: Letter from Citizens for Property Rights, Municipal Budgeting and Borrowing Workshop announcement, inspection report on Williams Dam, letter from the Watershed Alliance,

Announcements- None

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Wendell Coleman, school items- Wendell spoke about Act 46, which mandates consolidating school districts by 2018.

Will Crandall- Crandall Logging is logging some land next to a parcel owned by the Town on Sherwood Forest and would like to put a log landing on the Town parcel. A motion was made and unanimously passed to allow the use, subject to the road access being OK'd by Duane.

Town Officials Business-

Treasurer- Tina informed the board that the IRS is imposing a \$360 penalty for late filing of some 1099's in 2013. This occurred prior to Tina taking office. She recommended to the board that the Town pay it. A motion was made and unanimously approved to pay the bill.

Planning Commission- With the Town Plan requiring an update in the near future, the Planning Commission requested that the selectboard approve applying for a Municipal Planning Grant to pay for professional assistance in the plan update. The Planning Commission would like to budget \$12,000 for the project, which will require a \$2000 match amount from the Town and the rest to be funded through the grant. A motion was made and seconded to approve moving ahead with the grant application. The motion was passed with a vote of four yes and Steve Prouty abstaining.

There was some discussion of making sure the public is aware when the Town Plan is being worked on so that the public can provide input.

Parks Board- Kelly presented the Green Mountain Power agreement for putting power into Pingree Park. The cost is \$7047.04 and the money will come out of the Parks Fund. A motion was made and unanimously passed to sign the agreement. Hart's All Season Maintenance is donating site work.

Family Fun Day brought in about \$600 after expenses.

Minutes- Minutes of August 10th and August 17th meetings were unanimously approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Overweight permit- A permit was unanimously approved for Wright Maintenance.

Roadside mowing is almost done.

Lowell Lake Road guardrail paint- A motion was made and unanimously passed to rescind the Change Order that specified painting and to not paint them.

Liquor Board- None

Old business-

Facilities Use Policy- Paul reported that he has gotten additional clarification from VLCT that the Town will be covered under our existing liability policy for Town events on Town property. After further discussion of the draft policy content, action was tabled to a later date.

Town Administrator position- We have received 6 applications to date. Two applicants were interviewed this evening in executive session. Further interviews will be set up for a special meeting at 5:30 on September 10th.

Policing Committee update- The committee is making good progress. Documents and reports are posted in a Google Drive folder.

Champion truck lease- There is a draft that the attorneys for both parties agree on. Representatives for Champion will be asked to come to a meeting soon to finalize the agreement.

New Business- None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.