

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2015

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Wayne Blanchard, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Dick Dale, Sharon Crossman, Esther Fishman, Darcy Duval, Skip Coburn, Charlyne Coburn, GNAT TV, Bruce Frauman, Joe Novick

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed to add the following items to the agenda: discussion of a proposed meeting with VTrans on October 8th regarding the four way intersection on Rte. 100 in South Londonderry, Conservation Commission appointments, and the Transfer Station plowing contract.

Correspondence- The following correspondence was passed around: Williams Dam fee assessment letter, Hammond Engineering final report on the Lowell Lake Rd. project, VLCT Fall Planning and Zoning Forum, "Compass" health plan newsletter.

Announcements- Esther announced the Hazardous Waste Collection event at Flood Brook School on Oct. 3rd.

Paul spoke about the upgrade of the website and purchasing a security program.

Paul is planning to attend the VLCT Budgeting and Borrowing Workshop on Sept. 30. A motion was made and unanimously passed to pay the registration fee.

Kevin announced that a closing is scheduled for Sept. 24th for the Town acquiring 2306 N. Main Street through the FEMA buyout program.

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Skip and Charlyne Coburn attended the meeting to discuss an undisclosed matter. They asked for the GNAT camera to be turned off. The board stated that the camera could only be turned off in executive session, and could not find a legal justification for executive session. The Coburns elected not to speak about the matter at this meeting.

Farmers Market Community Dinner- Sharon Crossman asked the board about alcohol at the event. Though the Farmers Mkt. isn't promoting alcohol consumption, Sharon asked if it would be a problem if someone showed up with an alcoholic beverage for their own consumption. According to the Town's existing Alcohol Ordinance, the selectboard can grant permission for this situation. A motion was made and unanimously passed to grant exception for the event.

Sharon also informed the board that the Farmers Market has an application from a beermaker to be at the Oct. 3rd market. The Farmers Mkt. board does not know at this point if the vendor wants to serve samples or sell product. Due to unanswered questions about the legal requirements of serving samples, the board tabled the question to a future meeting, but in the meantime Sharon will see if the vendor carries liability insurance.

Janeway Farm- Joe Novick asked the board about livestock signs on Middletown Road. The farm will pay for the signs, and Joe asked if the Town would put them up. The board gave Joe contact information for Worksafe, a company that makes custom signs.

Town Officials Business-

Municipal Planning Grant- The Planning Commission is applying for a grant to help pay costs of updating the Town Plan. A motion was made to approve and sign the resolution for the Municipal Planning Grant, with Jim Ameden and Paul Gordon named as authorizing officials, and Sharon named as the grant administrator. The motion carried three votes yes, and Steve Prouty abstaining.

Solid Waste Coordinator- Esther presented to the board a revised draft for a nonprofit waiver form. Paul asked that a date of adoption be added. It was decided that instituting the form will take place on January 1, 2016.

Esther asked the board to adopt the Solid Waste Implementation Plan. A motion was made and unanimously passed to adopt the plan.

Community Resilience Organization- Dick Dale asked the selectboard to support the CRO effort named “Mighty Londonderry”. The effort entails putting together a database of people and equipment for assistance during a widespread emergency, and a listing of people who might require special assistance during an emergency. This project will take place in cooperation with the Town’s Emergency Management Director (Kevin Beattie) and the Town’s Health Officer (Steve Prouty). A motion was made and unanimously passed to support the initiative.

Minutes- Minutes of August 31st and September 10th meetings were unanimously approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Middletown Road study- The report has been received from VTrans for the High Risk Rural Roads study for Middletown Road. The report makes recommendations for improving safety on the road and the program will fund the improvements. Most of the recommendations are for signage, and there is a recommendation to take out some pavement at the Middletown Rd./Rte. 11 intersection. The board discussed whether some painting showing the travel portion of the road instead of removing pavement and will check to see if that could be covered through the program. A motion was made and

unanimously passed to have Duane and Steve go through the list of recommended signs and make a recommendation to the board.

Roadside mowing- Duane reported that mowing the roadsides took 182.5 hours, mowing at the Transfer Station was 19 hours, and the Prouty land 19.5 hours.

Transfer Station- It's time to do an RFP for the yard plowing. Kevin will work up a draft for the next meeting.

Liquor Board- None

Old business-

Facilities Use Policy- The board feels they are pretty close to agreement on the existing most recent draft. Paul will run it by Bob Fisher for comment.

Champion truck lease- Kevin will ask Champion to clearly identify any issues that they have with the current draft.

Town Administrator position- Currently there are three interested applicants. The board needs to work out some job details. The board agreed to set a deadline for applications until Friday, September 25th. The board will meet on September 28th to work out more details.

New Business-

Route 100 four way intersection- A meeting is proposed to meet with VTrans on October 8th to discuss a safety study for this intersection. The selectboard agreed to hold the meeting, and will ask if fire and rescue can or should attend.

Conservation Commission appointments- The board agreed to invite the recommended appointees to the selectboard meeting on October 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22.