

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2014

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Cathy Aragi, Kevin Beattie, Sandra Clark, Esther Fishman, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Nick Doane, Colleen Gometz, Tina Labeau, Pat Salo, Debbie O'Leary, Dick Dale

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Additions and deletions to the agenda- A motion was made and unanimously passed to add the Parks Board for misc. items, and Esther Fishman with Transfer Station items.

Pay orders- Pay orders were signed.

Announcements and correspondence- The credit card system is in place for tax payments. Hazardous Waste Day is this coming Saturday at Flood Brook School. Absentee voting has started.

Visitors and Concerned Citizens-

Lister items- Sandra Clark asked the Selectboard to waive the homestead late filing penalty for some landowners who were mistakenly assessed the penalty, and new arrivals. A motion was made and unanimously passed to waive the penalty for the property owners as requested by the listers.

Sandra also asked the Selectboard to approve replacing the large **curtain rod** in the large meeting room at a cost of \$165.99. Kevin verified that there is money in the Town Office maintenance budget to cover it. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the expenditure.

Howe property- Sandra informed the board that the Howe property adjacent to the Transfer Station will be increased from 20 acres to 24.52 acres on the Grand List.

Animal Control Officer- Dog issue on Magic Circle- Relative to repeated complaints of dogs barking on Magic Circle, Pat Salo has recently spent more time investigating and talking with residents in the area of the complaints. He reported to the board that he did observe chronic barking in the area. Chronic barking is in violation of the Londonderry Dog Ordinance. The board agreed that we would send a letter and copy of the dog ordinance to all the dog owners in that area of Magic Circle. A motion was made and unanimously passed to send the letters.

There is also a problem with a dog owned by Brendan Bills that has reportedly bitten a couple of people. We will send a letter to him also, along with a copy of the ordinance.

This is an unregistered dog and we need to know if the dog has had rabies shots. A motion was made and unanimously passed to send a letter to Brendan.

Parks Board- The basketball hoops are up. The Parks Board is moving into “Phase 2” improvements, which include a dog park and installing electrical power.

Another raffle ticket was drawn for the pig raffle, and the winner is Scott Rawson.

Minutes of the September 8th meeting were approved and signed.

Roads and bridges-

Award of engineering contract for the Derry Woods Road box culvert- Three proposals were received:

Holden Engineering- \$9700 plus \$1200 for easement work if needed.

Hammond Engineering- \$6550 plus \$2000 for wetlands permitting if needed plus \$75/hr. for easement work if needed.

Bell Engineering- \$5800 plus \$100/hr. for easement work not to exceed \$1900.

After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously passed to award the contract to Hammond Engineering.

Intersections of Edge Hill, Middletown Rds. And Route 11- A public meeting will be scheduled some time in the future to gauge the public’s interest in making any changes to the intersections. Before scheduling a meeting, we will research prior traffic and speed studies that have been done in the area, and see if there are State Police records of tickets issued in the vicinity. We will also request to meet with Marc Pickering of VTrans. No other action was taken.

Overweight permit- An application from Alvin Rawson was unanimously approved.

Graveling- Because of other projects, graveling won’t be done this year as previously planned on Reilly, Derry Woods, Edge Hill, and Cobble Ridge Roads.

Reclaiming Reilly Rd. and Old Stowell Hill- This work is in progress and will be finished on Sept. 29th. Paving is scheduled for Oct. 6th.

Transfer Station- For information for the 10 year financial planning, Esther obtained a quote for a new **backhoe** in the amount of \$94,950. The timing of replacing the backhoe hasn’t been established yet. The present machine was purchased in 1999.

Another item that Esther brought up for long range planning is purchasing a second **compactor/crusher**. She anticipates that the additional compacting of material that presently goes into the C&D rollofs would greatly reduce hauling costs. Cost of a second crusher would be about \$40,000.

On October 16th, there is a meeting for town officials at the Windham Solid Waste District, concerning **town ordinances for haulers**.

Survey- Esther wrote up a proposed survey to poll users of the Transfer Station concerning hours and days open. The board felt there should be some more direct questions on the survey.

Hauler's meeting- We are hosting a hauler's meeting on Oct. 21 and inviting surrounding towns.

Liquor Board- None.

Old business-

Parking Ordinance- A motion was made and unanimously passed to enact the proposed parking ordinance that has been discussed. It needs to go through a posting period before taking effect.

Treasurer position- The board received a letter of resignation from Jim Wilbur. A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept Jim's resignation with regret. The board thanks Jim for his good work while in the position.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint Tina Labeau to fill the remainder of the Treasurer's term until next Town Meeting. Compensation will remain within the present budget for the Treasurer's office.

New business-

Payment of the bill for the wall mural- Total donations for the project were: Thrifty Attic- \$3000, Rotary Club- \$300. The total bill for the project from Ad Hoc Arts is \$3550, or \$250 above the donation amounts. Sharon Crossman of the Planning Commission suggests paying the remaining amount out of the Planning Commission budget.

The Selectboard would like to see if there was discussion of using taxpayer money for the project when the project was originally approved. A motion was made and unanimously passed to table paying the additional \$250 until the minutes are researched.

Property tax resolution- Some towns have signed a resolution to freeze education tax rates for two years. Jim would like to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.