

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2014

Present: Jim Ameden, Steve Prouty, Paul Gordon, Bob Cowles, Cathy Aragi, Kevin Beattie, Duane Hart, Kelly Pajala, GNAT TV, Nick Doane, Tom Buchanon, George Mora, Cindy Gubb, Colleen Gometz, Tina Labeau, Joel Kuhlberg, Kathie Stone, Kathy Mosenthal, Gayle Kuhlberg, Nicole Wengert

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

Went into executive session at 6:07 for discussions about an elected office and a possible mid term appointment.

Came out of executive session at 7:00.

**Additions and deletions to the agenda-** Larry Smith from VLCT was cancelled from the agenda and will come to a future meeting.

**Pay orders-** Pay orders were signed.

**Announcements and correspondence-** None

### **Visitors and Concerned Citizens-**

**DRB appointment-** The DRB has recommended Georgianna Mora to be appointed to the board. George discussed her interest in the position. A motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint George Mora to the Development Review Board.

**Windham Regional Commissioner appointment-** George Mora expressed interest in filling a position on the WRC being vacated by Tom Buchanon. Tom was present and answered some questions about being a commissioner and the responsibilities. A motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint George to the Windham Regional Commission, and to commend Tom Buchanon for his years of service on the Commission.

**Parks Board-** Colleen and Kelly spoke about activities at Buxton Park. Jennifer Cobb has volunteered to assist with plantings and mulching. They asked for approval to spend up to \$500 for mulch and plants. The money would come out of the Riverside Fund. A motion was made and passed to spend up to \$500.

**Bottle money-** Wayne's Auto had volunteered to pick up the returnables from the Transfer Station, but lately has been too busy. The Selectboard will look into whether

they will continue, or if we need to make other arrangements. Currently members of the Parks Board are transporting the bottles to the redemption center.

**Middletown and Edge Hill Roads residents-** Several people were in attendance with concerns about the intersections of those roads with Rte. 11. Cindy Gubb, Gayle Kuhlberg, Nicole Wengert, Kathy Mosenthal, Joel Kuhlberg, Tom Buchanon, and Kathy Stone all spoke of safety concerns with the current configuration. They collectively support making some changes to the configuration of the intersections to improve safety and slow down traffic. Some of the proposed changes would be in the state right of way, so VTrans would need to be involved. Cindy asked the Town to study the issue and make contact with VTrans. No action was taken at this meeting.

**Minutes of the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting** were approved and signed.

### **Roads and bridges-**

Nick Doane was in attendance for the road crew in Duane's absence.

**Reclaiming Reilly Rd.-** This is being worked on this week. Paving is scheduled for the end of the month for Reilly and Old Stowell Hill Roads.

**Winhall Hollow culvert project-** Chaves Excavating will be doing this work next week through a Better Back Roads grant.

**Overweight Permits-** Overweight permits were approved for Tim Snide, Mark Bushway, Springfield Paving, and Gary Brown. Kevin will contact Underwoods again about their permit.

**Gravel budget-** The gravel budget is used up for this year, so some of the roads that were scheduled for gravelling won't be done this year.

**Transfer Station items-** None

**Liquor Board-** None.

### **Old business-**

**Winhall Police Department-** The board discussed furthering talks with Winhall about providing police services. They agreed to move forward with discussions, and contact Windham County Sheriff's Department as well. Kevin will make contacts.

**Parking Ordinance-** We have determined that there needs to be signs posted in areas where the Town wants to enforce an ordinance. The board will review the ordinance draft and it will be acted on next meeting. At the Town's request, state police paid a visit to Gary Grout about his vehicles in the road.

**Possible land purchase-** The selectboard wants to continue looking into purchase of the Howe property next to the Transfer Station. There are questions about possible contamination from the adjacent landfill, and the Town's liability. A motion was made and unanimously passed to gather further information about the above questions, and to continue to look at the possible purchase.

**Unifirst settlement-** Unifirst has offered to settle for \$3000. A motion was made and unanimously passed to settle and pay Unifirst \$3000.

**10 year strategic planning-** After a short discussion, it was tabled for further work in the future.

### **New business-**

**RFP's for computer and phone systems-** Kelly, Tina, and Kevin recommend going ahead with soliciting quotes for these services. The board agreed.

**Copier-** Kelly has looked at getting a new copier from our current company, Ricoh. The new one would have some improved functions and for a cheaper price than the current one. The current price is \$340.91 per month, and the new price would be \$331.09. A motion was made and unanimously passed to go with the new copier.

**Land Rover Driving School-** Kevin reported that, after a complaint from a resident of Under the Mountain Road of Land Rovers doing damage to Legal Trail #2, Kevin met on site with the Land Rover Driving School located in Manchester. The representative of the school stated that vehicles from the school didn't do the damage, but does plan to use the trail in the future. The Town will maintain a dialog with the school in the hope to head off any future problems. No action was taken.

**Signature approvals-** A motion was made and unanimously passed to authorize Kevin to sign a revised FEMA application for the buyouts, and closing documents for the Baccash property. A motion was made and unanimously pass to authorize the signatures.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:05.**