

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JULY 12, 2010

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

Selectmen Present: John Chiarella, Don Hill, and Dave Tucker

Also in attendance: Tim Julian, Police Chief; Chuck Moore, Scott Gambino and Bill Huntoon.

John Chiarella called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments: Scott Gambino asked if roads would be graded anytime soon? John stated he did not know when grading will be done. Brad determines scheduling of projects. John reported that the new highway employee began today. The question was asked “are we getting prices for a new sand shed?” (unsure who asked the question as there was a lot of banter happening back and forth between those present during this time). John reported this is not being looked into currently; there is no money to pursue this. The State keeps changing their minds on what they might require. Chuck Moore asked why wait until the State drops the ax and demands that it be replaced? Don stated it was clear at Town Meeting that the voters did not want to spend money toward this.

Bill questioned if the Selectmen had found out the answer to their question about the new employee’s wages. John and Don reviewed confidentiality issues and what can and cannot be disclosed in public meetings. Scott questioned how many employees currently in the highway department? John responded that there are 2 full-time and 1 part-time, and explained the need to maintain a department year-round to be prepared for winter snow removal.

Bill asked if consideration had been given to put cemetery mowing out to contract? John stated it has not.

Chuck Moore, of Route 4A, was present to discuss a complaint of noise and his concern regarding fire danger from fireworks and cannons over the fourth of July. He reported that his neighbors were setting off fireworks from 4 am until after midnight on the 4th. He was concerned that there was not a local police officer on duty when he called. He has been unhappy with State Police resolution of matters in the past. He was also concerned regarding the fire danger to his property, as the State was on high fire alert during this time. He wanted to know why Springfield Police aren’t scheduled to cover calls especially during a holiday weekend. Tim Julian, Chief replied he has asked for increases to allow for more coverage, but budgetary measures have not allowed that to happen. He noted that prior to the 4th of July weekend, he ran reports to review historically what the critical time of coverage for the weekend was, and scheduled hours accordingly.

Chuck asked if the Town follows the disorderly conduct RSA? There was discussion whether this was a noise complaint, a firework complaint or a fire danger complaint, and when and who the calls should be handled by. Don stated the town cannot afford to cover a full-time police department so that someone from Springfield can respond to all calls. Therefore, the Town must rely on the State Police for assistance. There is always the possibility that something can happen outside the hours that the Springfield Police Department is on duty or call.

Chuck stated if he cannot get this handled by the town, then he will handle it himself. He will contact his lawyer. Don suggested he speak to his neighbors about his concerns. The Selectmen suggested Chuck keep a log of all the times there is an issue, and to call dispatch and have someone come out when there is a problem. Loud noise and fireworks are to be expected on the 4th of July. Dave noted that every call is logged at dispatch and Chief Tim will get a copy of it.

Rick Cole was not present as expected, but spoke to John and he would like to donate about 150 various lilies to plant in front of the fence at the recreation field. He has donated and planted lilies at the historical society. Rick will organize volunteers to help him dig and put loam in place for planting. The Selectmen approved the donation. Don noted that there has been some discussion regarding starting a garden club in Town. The Selectmen noted they would welcome this, as long as it didn't involve town funds.

The Minutes of June 28, 2010 were approved as written.

Old Business:

Recreation Field wiring- John noted the wiring was in place in time for Old Home Day. He has gotten in touch with Ed Bailey to add a 6th breaker to the service, as there was a little difficulty with the breaker attached to the timer.

John reported Officer Beaulieu responded to a call that resulted in locating 4 wheel drive vehicles driving in the wetlands near McDaniel's Marsh.

The decision to move the bulletin board has been tabled for the moment.

John noted the backstop at the ball field needs to be reset as it is working its way out of the ground. This will need to be put on the project list.

Don reported there has been the seasonal complaint regarding people from out of town using the beach.

Don noted a complaint was received regarding a kid on a skateboard in the middle of Main Street refusing to get out of the center of the street for an oncoming vehicle.

John discussed the fire at Twin Lake Villa that took place over the holiday weekend. Two cottages were lost. Several surrounding towns provided mutual aid. John noted his concern that there are currently only about 10 active members that are not explorers. At the time of the fire

there were only 3 members available to respond. The Board discussed possibilities to encourage increased membership and participation.

The Selectmen discussed Old Home Day. A final report from the committee has not been received.

Correspondence:

Budget Workshop for Budget Committee Members and Selectmen on Monday, July 19, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Notification of a wetland's workshop.

Notification of election training.

The Board reviewed the report from the Local Government Center's playground inspection. The slide will be removed.

Signatures:

Building Permits

Intent to Cut Timber

MEAP Contact information

Building rental agreement

Letter to Camp Sunapee

Bill Huntoon stated he could purchase the metal and replace the accident damage to the highway garage if the Selectmen wanted. He asked what the status of formation of a committee to review the drainage project was? John noted the Selectmen need to further review these issues.

New Business:

Personnel Policy: The Selectmen reviewed the drafts for changes to the Holiday Policy. The discussion was tabled until further examples could be reviewed.

Clarification of Old Home Day Expendable Trust: John noted the \$1900 deposited in the Old Home Day Expendable Trust at the March Town Meeting is money that is available to be used for Old Home Day Expenses this year, along with the additional money that was placed in the recreation department's operating budget. The Selectmen had also previously agreed that any old home day expenses that could be attributed to the "ball field fund" (Recreation Field Fund) could come from that fund with Selectmen approval. The wiring for the field will come from the recreation field fund.

The Selectmen voted to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts

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