

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MARCH 26, 2008

MEMORIAL BUILDING

6:30 P.M.

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

Present: John Chiarella, Donald Hill and Neal Huntoon.

John and Neal welcomed new Board member Don Hill.

Elections: Don nominated Neal as Chairman, seconded by John and approved. Neal nominated John as Vice-chairman, seconded by Don and approved.

Selectmen Department assignments: The Board agreed John will be the Selectman's representative to the Budget Committee. Bob Anderson has agreed to stay on as Springfield's representative to the NH/VT Solid Waste District to see it through its dissolution. Board and department assignments were divided as follows.
Neal – Highway & Maintenance, Planning Board, and Police Department.
John – Budget Committee, Cemetery Commission, Fire & Rescue, Joint Loss Management, Library, Recreation Department, and Town Buildings and Facilities.
Don – Conservation Commission, Joint Board of Selectmen, and Zoning Board.

Old Business:

Legal counsel has returned an opinion regarding the tax listing of a six acre parcel of land on George Hill Road. The opinion of counsel is that reasonable efforts have been made by the town to investigate ownership of this parcel and it appears this was overlooked and therefore not transferred as part of a closed partition matter in Sullivan County Probate Court. Based on this information counsel advised it is reasonable to list the property under both parties, absent any further information provided to the contrary.

Legal counsel advised an offer has been received regarding reimbursement for tennis court fencing. The Board agreed to accept the offer.

Board members discussed the septic issue on Eastman Access Road. Tom Duling recently spoke with Mrs. Champney. She was to obtain the plans for him, but he has not seen them. The Board discussed what a reasonable time table would be for compliance. The Board would like an update as to what is taking place, and will request the Champney's attendance at the April 22, 2008 meeting. A letter will be written to them to be delivered by the Police Department.

Summer camp and swim lessons: Advertising will begin for someone to run the summer camp program and swimming lessons.

The Board approved and signed purchase orders, town hall rentals, a letter of intent for financing from Lake Sunapee Bank for the fire truck, yield tax assessments, a zoning verification, the yearly contract for the tax collector, and the Report of Appropriations voted.

Department Updates:

The Board approved an annual leave request for Bradly Butcher.

Conservation Commission appointments for John Trachy, Ken Jacques and Jane Seekamp were approved.

The Board reviewed police statistics and a copy of a new summons form.

E-911 update: The NH Bureau of Emergency Management will be in town collecting house numbering data along Route 114 on March 27th.

Correspondence:

The Board reviewed the annual report from the Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse, a copy of the Natural Resource Inventory, and a new guidebook from the Sunapee Ragged Greenway Coalition. The Board received a letter of appreciation from New London Hospital for support of the ambulance service.

Fire Department:

Dallas Patten, Fire Chief; Doug Davis, Assistant Chief; Jack Hedges and Erik Rollins met with the Board to discuss the new fire truck.

Dallas reported the department has met with four vendors, and it looks like they have narrowed the search down to two. Two vendor prices have come in too high, and one of those had a time frame of at least a year to build a truck.

The two vendors they are looking at have been in the range of \$240,000. They won't have a firm price for a while longer. Ferrara has a time range of about 150 days and HME about 220. They just met with the HME vendor again this evening. HME's tank is stainless steel and larger than the Ferrara truck. The engine is 30 horsepower more than the other truck. Ferrara can guarantee a 2006 chassis without the new emissions if an agreement is signed by 4-1-08. The Board discussed all the options and agreed the department should wait until they have firm pricing from HME.

Miscellaneous Business:

The Board discussed public access issues to Dutchman's Pond.

The Board discussed the annual audit. The Board agreed to schedule Plodzick and Sanderson to perform the audit. The Board would like to discuss with them how to address compliance issues they have noted.

The Board reviewed discussions regarding town building needs. Neal stated that it had been mentioned the possibility the owners of the home across the street may be considering selling. The Board agreed a letter should be sent to the owners informing them of a possible interest in purchasing the property by the Town if they do find themselves in a position of selling.

The meeting schedule for April through June was reviewed.

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,
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