

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

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

Present: Selectmen John Chiarella, Don Hill and Dave Tucker; Administrative Assistant Janet Roberts; Health Officer Tom Duling; and Police Chief Tim Julian.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Local Assistance: Laura Patten, Local Assistance Director met with the Board to review an assistance case she is working on for a client who has been evicted. Laura has been unable to find living accommodations that the client is willing to accept. Laura has contacted the Local Government Center for legal opinion. The Board advised Laura to proceed as recommended by the LGC, and to recap in writing what steps she has taken and to offer what has been made available to the client. Tim Julian offered to investigate some options as well.

Richard & Emily Purslow met with the Board to find out what action has been taken regarding their complaints of the individual living in the shed and other activities on Lorent Drive. The Selectmen stated that the Health Officer and Tim Julian have made visits to the property. Tom Duling stated he has spoken to the State Health Officer Liaison about this. He has been told as long as there are toilet facilities available on the property, there is nothing that can be done. Mr. Purslow says he has seen buckets of waste being emptied into the creek, and questioned if there was any way to stop this. Tom stated that there needs to be proof in order to take enforcement action. Mr. Purslow also had pictures and noted his concern with the damage that is being done to the Town road from vehicles coming and going from the property. The Selectmen reviewed the concerns and discussed the possibility of zoning violations and tax implications if the shed is being used as living quarters. They agreed to write a letter to the property owner.

Highway/Fire Heating: Mason Wheeler met with the Board to review his assessment of the heating units at the Highway/Fire Garage. It appears that the framing for the existing units was built and the units were hung and then the smoke stacks were added. The units themselves seem to hold the vent stacks up. Changing the configuration now would be expensive. There are not a lot of venting options available. The existing units have been in place for about 15 or 16 years. John questioned whether there could be something done so water would not be sitting on the heat exchanger and contributing to the deterioration. Mason said he thought most of the problem was from winter snow and ice blowing across the roof and into the vents. A motion was made by Don to replace the existing oil units and venting as is, seconded by Dave and unanimously approved. Mason will get price information for the Board.

Mascoma Valley Snow Travelers: Josh Worthen, Erik Rollins, and Kevin Roberts met with the Board regarding the Class VI portion of Old Grafton Road. The snowmobile club maintains a portion of trail on Old Grafton Road. The trail crosses private property and connects to the trail system in the Gile Forest. Old Grafton Road connects to Stevens Road in Grafton. The

landowner has made some repairs on the Class VI road, and has asked the snowmobile club to install and lock a gate on Old Grafton Road. The Board discussed statutory provisions for Class VI public access. Gates are permitted but cannot be locked. John discussed the possibility of making these Class VI roads into Class A trails. Don moved to grant permission to the Mascoma Valley Snow Travelers to install an unlocked gate, at the club's expense, on the Class VI portion of Old Grafton Road. The motion was seconded by Dave and unanimously approved.

Town Garage Project: Ross Stevens was present to review the plan for the Highway/Fire Complex. Grades and contours of the parking are shown. Some utility details need to be added. The proposal is for a gravel and stone base under the parking lot with eventual paving. Drip edge and drainage around the building has been added. A grass drainage swale around the property perimeter is shown. Some elevation cross sections have been provided and Ross should have those done by the end of the week. Ross has reviewed the proposal with Wetland's Scientist, Peter Schauer. Peter feels the proposal will adequately handle the drainage issues on the property and will improve the wetlands on the property. Peter felt the DES should have no problem permitting this plan. John questioned if these drainage changes would impact the recreation field. He wants to make sure this project doesn't impede what can happen to drainage of the recreation field. Ross stated this would not impede any future drainage plans for the recreation field. The Board agreed to hold a public information session with Planning, Zoning and Conservation to review the plans on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Dallas Patten, Fire Chief met with the Board. A purchase order has been approved for aluminum shelving and he would like to request a change in vendors. The Board approved the change.

Springfield Kindergarten: The Selectmen discussed issues with the School Board's 2010 budget proposal to close the Springfield Kindergarten Classroom and move the students to New London. Don and John plan on attending the School Board meeting on October 1.

Planning Board Updates: Star Lake subdivision review with the Planning Board is at the point where legal services are needed in preparation for public hearings and proposed warrant articles. John stated that the Selectmen need more details to determine if what they are asking for is reasonable. The best solution for the roads and wording of the proposed easements need to be carefully reviewed. The Board agreed to ask Todd to come to a Selectmen's meeting before the Selectmen move forward with an attorney.

Statistical Update: John made a motion to approve the bid from Avitar Associates for the Statistical Update for 2010, seconded by Don and unanimously approved.

Applications for Planning and Zoning Secretary: Since it was getting late, the Board agreed to review the applications at their leisure and then schedule interviews to include the Chairs of Planning and Zoning. Don and John agreed to be involved in the interview process since they are the representatives to the Boards.

The Board agreed to close the Town Hall this winter. A date for closing has not been established.

Signatures: The Selectmen approved a vacation request for Brad.
Purchase Order for the Highway Department for hot top.
Building Permit approved for Domings.
MS-5 reviewed and signed

Correspondence: The Board reviewed a letter from Pam Sevigny regarding property assessment. The Board asked that the Sevigny's be sent a letter to explain that assessments have been finalized for the 2009 tax year and what their options are.

The Board reviewed an air quality report for the City of Claremont.

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant