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**October 26, 2010
Selectmen's Meeting**

Present: C. Guiry DMD Ch., R. P. McGinnity, & A.A. Milkovits (A. Richards is on vacation.)

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM.

Vendor checks were discussed and signed.

Agenda:

Appointments:

1. Ray Baldwin, Townsend Road, discussed some concerns he had about lowering the dam. Ron Dube, Townsend Road, and Con. Com. Member Liz Fletcher were also present for the discussion. Mr. Baldwin again explained the procedure for lowering the dam. There are a series of beaver dams that the pond will run through. Mr. Dube had questions on whether silt would be deposited on his property, how much the pond would drop, what effect on wells, and what would the impact be on the turtles that are presently buried on the mud. From the Con. Com.'s perspective as long as there is a gradual draw down and the pond is allowed to fill up in the spring, there are no objections. Mr. Baldwin answered that he will be hiring a machine to open a trench to release the water gradually, expecting the drop to be 2 feet, could possibly empty 2/3 of the pond to freeze out the vegetation. There shouldn't be any effect on drilled wells. The beaver dams should act as a filter to keep further silt from washing down stream. The Selectmen urged Mr. Baldwin to start the project while the water is so low. Mr. Baldwin will begin the draw down this weekend.
2. Road Agent David Morrison had a request from Forester Allen Oxman to use the Town gravel pit area, lot C-16 as an access to a logging job on back lots E-23 and E-24 and to establish a landing on the pit property. Mr. Oxman had offered to remove stumps in the back area of the pit for the landing. Mr. Morrison inspected the proposed area. After some discussion, the Board recommended the following:
 - Have Mr. Oxman post a bond of \$2,000.00 for the access.
 - Mark the line by flagging.
 - Place a stake fence around landing.
 - Have Mr. Morrison oversee the project.
 - Charge a fee of \$400 - \$500 or exchange for stumping of back area.

Mr. Morrison discussed the RR Trail. The Trail needs fill in the washed out areas. The Wilton Snowmobile Club is willing to pay for the fill and work on the Trail. The Board recommended that Mr. Morrison should contact the Club and that someone from the Highway Department should be present at the application of the fill.

Mr. Morrison requested permission from the Board to hire Kenneth Spacht as a contract snowplow. The Highway Department is down two drivers for the winter plow routes. Chairman Guiry recommended that Mr. Morrison check the local rates for snowplow contracts. After some discussion, the Board approved hiring Kenneth Spacht for the contract snowplow.

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At 8:23 PM Selectmen entered non public session to discuss hiring a new road agent. Present were Selectmen and A.A. Milkovits. It was voted to conditionally hire Mark Brackett as road agent. Session ended at 8:30 PM.

3. Mark Brackett, Starch Mill Road, met with the Board to discuss his new position as Road Agent. He was conditionally hired on a 90 day probation contingent on a successful background check and drug test. By January 1, 2011, the Board expects him to have his CDL-B. Mr. Brackett will start Friday, October 29th. His health benefits will begin November 1st and two week vacation after six months of employment. This will be a transition period while he is learning from and working with the Interim Road Agent David Morrison.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

1. Highway Report from Road Agent David Morrison. This was reviewed and discussed with Mr. Morrison.
2. Letter from Roads Evaluation Committee with short term recommendations of paving Abbott Hill/Mitchell Hill Roads intersection to Wilton town line and about 50' beyond intersection in other direction and to continue patching of paved roads as time and money allows. The Committee will also continue to work on long term plans. Minutes from Committee's meeting outlining their discussions.
3. From State D.O.T.: NHDOT Drive Permit Application Notification – notifications of newly proposed drives, proposed change in use of a drive and relocation of a drive will be the only ones sent to the Town.
4. Response on Brackett: from Pike – reason for leaving was given as “permanent layoff”.
5. From B.O.A. – conditional approval for Miller-Grant for rescue kennel.
6. From Attorney Little – copy of letter to Planning Board concerning four year exemption for subdivisions.
7. Bounds memo from Building Inspector for Lots L-37, L-37-1, L-37-2 and L-37-3.
8. State approved septic for lot L-37-2
9. From State Farm Insurance Company: Notice of Claim for damages, \$1,649.95, for Mathias Strelow's vehicle. They claim the damages were done in April when Mr. Strelow hit a pothole on Townsend Road. The Board does not feel the Town is liable for this damage. This notice will be sent to LGC-PLIT for their review.
10. From LGC: 2011 rates for Health, dental, STD, Life – Health insurance rates decreased by 3.1%.
11. From Primex: 50% increase in unemployment insurance due to more claims. 2011 contribution is set at \$500.
12. Police logs
13. Emailed complaint from Wolfgang Millbrandt concerning the lack of internet service in the Town of Mason.
14. From DRA: Re: Development of Statewide Mosaic Parcel Map- some benefits of the map include disaster relief, access to new data files, municipal assessment portal, CAMA-GIS linking, etc.
15. From LGC – CD of 2010 Wage, Salary & Benefits Survey for Municipalities.
16. Health Alert – Influenza Update 2010-2011.

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17. Other correspondence

Greenville Selectmen's Office had requested that the Selectmen inform the other four candidates for road agent of the Greenville open road agent position. Selectmen will mention this offer in our letter to the candidates.

Selectmen signed a Timber Tax Warrant for dooamage of \$2,247.00.

Selectmen discussed the proposed Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual. It was decided to vote to adopt the manual at the November 9th meeting when all the Board will be present. Chairman Guiry recommended that the manual be reviewed again in March.

Chairman Guiry attended the court hearing on Blair. No decision has been received at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

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