



February 22, 2011
Selectmen's Meeting

Present: C. Guiry DMD Ch., A. Richards, R. P. McGinnity, & A.A. Milkovits

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM.

Vendor checks were discussed and signed.

Agenda:

Appointments:

1. Bob Hemmer met with the Board to discuss the proposed Town website. Fire Chief David Baker was also present for this discussion. Mr. Hemmer will be designing the town website after Town Meeting. He will require 1/3 down payment, 1/3 after the website is up and the final third when all are satisfied with the website, total \$1,200.00. Chief Baker will set up the domain name at "GoDaddy" for \$7.00 per year. Mr. Hemmer will charge about \$6.95 per month for hosting. After more discussion, it was decided that Selectman McGinnity would be the Board representative for the website and A.A. Milkovits will be the main contact for all notices, etc. Each department will also have a link for their information.
2. Charles Moser and Barbara Devore met with the Board to discuss the upcoming "Candidates Night" sponsored by the *Mason Grapevine*. Mr. Moser will be asking the candidates questions at the forum. The *Grapevine* would like the Selectmen to waive the fee for using the Town Hall. The Selectmen agreed to waive the fee but still require a certificate of insurance. After more discussion, it was decided that LGC will be contacted for more information on the requirement of the certificate of insurance for a non-partisan town event.
3. Mr. Moser and Mrs. Devore also questioned the Board on the warrant article to change the disposition of the land use penalty tax. At present the Conservation Commission receives 100% of the penalty tax and the Selectmen propose to change that to 80% to the general fund and 20% to the Con. Com. Chairman Guiry defended the article stating the Board's concern for the residents who are having tough economic times. He also referred to the 24% of Town properties that are in conservation easement or are owned by the Conservation Commission and the Board's concerns for the lack of management of these properties by the Con. Com. Chairman Guiry discussed the difference between conservationists and preservationists and how the Con. Com. Needs to generate their own income by selective timbering, etc. to manage their properties. Both Mr. Moser and Mrs. Devore did not agree with any of these statements. No decisions or agreement were made by either group.
4. Police Chief Hutchins had presented a letter from Prosecutor Martha Jacques concerning Mark Brackett and the return of town equipment. Attorney Jacques recommended contacting Mr. Brackett to request the return of the equipment and to allow about ten days before seeking any civil action. Both Chief Hutchins and A.A. Milkovits had received phone calls from Mr. Brackett. Mrs. Milkovits had told Mr. Brackett that the Board had accepted his verbal resignation, appointed David Morrison as interim Road Agent and sent two letters to Brackett concerning the resignation and return of town equipment. Mr. Brackett had

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inquired whether he could get his job back but realized that he would not be able to fulfill the CDL license requirement in time. Mr. Brackett had told Chief Hutchins about his personal problems and had assured the Chief that he would be returning the town equipment. He also told the Chief that he felt his decision to resign was too hasty but it was too late now. The Board asked Chief Hutchins to check on Mr. Brackett in a week for the return of the town equipment. Chief Hutchins again asked for the status of the Town's ROW to lot K-52. Attorney Little will be contacted for this information.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

1. Legal: Re: Town Warrant reviewed and approved by Town Counsel. The warrant and budget had been signed and posted by Selectmen on Monday, February 21st.
Re: \$5,000 Letter of Credit from D.H. Hardwick & Sons
Re: Wilton Recycling Center Annual Contract – this was signed by the Board.
Re: From Town Counsel – review and recommendations for the statistical update contract. This will be forwarded to Town Assessor Richard Rockwood.
2. New form from Highway Department for "Repair Order"
3. From Highway Roads Committee – minutes from December 9, 2010 meeting.
4. From Highway Equipment Committee – minutes from February 13, 2011 meeting.
5. Specs on 2011 Chevrolet Silverado Diesel Pickup – to be voted at Town Meeting.
6. Completion Certificate: Suzanne Cox/Mark Osgood, lot B-14-4, garage and shop
7. Abatement Applications: Meryl Smith, lot K-32, Calphams Bedford Holdings, lots A-22-3, A-22-9, & A-22-10, Kenneth Ingalls, lot L-32. These will be forwarded to Town Assessor for review.
8. From Conservation Commission – Monitoring Report on Doonan lot and Fifield Tree Farm.
9. Notification from Matthew LeClair for wetlands permit to build a bridge on lots G-55 and G-56.
10. Emailed concerns for loose dogs from Robert Doyle, Townsend Road. Mr. Doyle will meet with the Board at a later date to discuss restraining dogs in the town.
11. Other correspondence

Selectmen voted to adopt the Selectmen's Ordinance for House Numbering. This becomes effective immediately and allows for penalty fines for any residences not displaying their house numbers.

Selectmen will advertise the Road Agent's position in the *Ledger-Transcript* and the *Nashua Telegraph*. The deadline for the applications was set for Thursday, March 17, 2011. The salary was adjusted to \$48,000 to \$51,000. No decision was made after the interview of Ted Jarest; concerns were mentioned of Mr. Jarest's lack of road maintenance experience.

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At this time, People's Bank and TD Bank had not sent any bids for the 2011 TAN. They will be contacted later this week.

The Town Report will be taken to the printer on Thursday. A pdf version will be emailed to the *Mason Grapevine* and to the "unofficial" town website managed by Garth Fletcher, for circulation.

Selectmen set the next meeting time: Tuesday, March 8th at 2 PM for a mini meeting. A meeting with the interim Road Agent and Police Chief was set for Thursday, March 10th at noon. This will allow discussion of warrant articles before Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Barbara K. Milhouls
Admin. Assistant