

October 11, 2011
Selectmen's Meeting

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

Also present: 1 resident

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM.

Vendor checks were discussed and check register signed.

Agenda:

Appointments:

1. Road Agent Fred Greenwood met with the Board to discuss the sale on EBay of used Highway Department equipment. So far the Department has sold over \$2,000 in equipment consisting of a tractor, plows, etc. This will cost the town about \$99 which is much less than classified ads would cost. Selectmen commended the Road Agent for his efforts to clean up the Highway yard and bring extra revenue for the town.

A citizen had brought up a question to Selectman McGinnity concerning the chip seal warrant article. Road Agent Greenwood explained that the roads had been sand sealed instead. The budget line for Paved Road Restoration will be overspent but the bottom line for the Highway Department will be under spent. The warrant article for chip sealing will be encumbered to be used in 2012. Selectmen and the Road Agent will discuss this further at budget meetings. Mr. Greenwood discussed some budget issues: may order aggregate at the end of the year, and also may purchase a plow and frame for one of the new pickups if there are funds still available at the end of the year. He is concerned for the fuel line that will certainly be overspent but the savings in the heating fuel line will offset the difference.

Mr. Greenwood also discussed the maintenance that had been done recently at the Mann House. The basement had been cleaned out and all open areas such as window sills and cracks in foundation have been insulated. If there are still some funds available in the repair budget, a dehumidifier will be purchased for the basement. The windows in the 2 town offices will be re-installed and caulked this weekend. The window repairs, extra insulation, and new furnace should make a big difference in the heating of the Mann House.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

1. From LGC-PLIT: Appraisal of town buildings
2. Via email from ConCom members Liz Fletcher and Bob Larochelle concerning the possible filling of wetlands on Robinson property at 849 Valley Road, lot K-3. The ConCom has requested a meeting with Mr. Robinson to discuss the complaint and examine the area.
3. Current Use application from Jonas for lot J-76-4. This will be reviewed by Assessor Richard Rockwood. Since the Jonas's are applying for the farm category in current use for land under 10 acres, DRA will also be consulted.

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4. From DRA: Utility appraisal – 2011 Market Value \$1,430,316 The Town does not use this value on the MS-1.
5. Completion Certificate: McNamara, lot H-22, kitchen
6. From Martha Jacques, Police Prosecutor – 2012 Contract increase to \$750/month. No decision at this time, this will be discussed at budget meetings.
7. From Town Clerk: Special Town Meeting minutes – vote for electing a Road Agent for 1 year 31; vote against electing 91. Motion failed.
8. Police logs
9. From ConCom Chairman Bob Larochelle via email – update from Dennis LaBombard on Jackson Road trestle replacement; suggestions on staining or painting concrete and designing slabs to allow minimum 10' clear lane.
10. From DRA: Stumpage value list, October 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012
11. Other correspondence

Selectmen signed the following:

- a yield warrant for \$625.06 for lots A-16 and J-61-1
- letters to property owner Ducharme, lot D-13 and logger Lavoie requesting Report of Cut by October 31, 2011
- letter of response to violations to Department of Labor
- appointment papers for Louise Lavoie and Brady Schulman for the Financial Advisory Committee

Selectmen McGinnity discussed his concern for town owned property. He would like to see the town sell some of the property to bring them back on the tax rolls. After some discussion, the Board decided to research the properties and determine clear titles before attempting a sale. Attorney Little will be consulted on the titles. Selectmen could also place covenants on the properties to maintain open spaces and not make developments. A meeting will be planned for a future date to allow for more public input.

Selectmen will contact the DRA to make the tax rate setting appointment as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.