

December 27, 2011
Selectmen's Meeting

Present: C. Guiry Chairman, A. Richards, & A.A. Milkovits (R. P. McGinnity absent due to other employment.)

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM.

Vendor checks were discussed and check register signed.

Agenda:

Appointments:

1. Road Agent Fred Greenwood discussed the following:
 - Replacement of the Highway Department Quonset hut: Road Agent presented assessment of hut with photos. The Department needs another building as this hut has really deteriorated. A new steel building package would cost between \$55,000 and \$65,000 with the Highway Department doing all site work. Road Agent would like to move the building closer to the electrical service. A sufficient work area is needed for the light maintenance that is done by the Department. All heavy maintenance and repair is sent out to repair centers. The old building will be sold as scrap or sold on EBay. After more discussion, the Board voted to set up a committee for replacing the Quonset hut and vote as a warrant article in 2013. The Selectmen will be the financial point of contact for the committee.
 - Selectman Richards brought up a concern for a sump pump at 12 Old Ashby Road that discharges on the road. The Town does not have any ordinance for the discharge by sump pumps and there are several in Town that do discharge on the roads. The Road Agent will research information for an ordinance to redirect water (run-off) from the road.
 - Selectmen's & Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Offices Retrofit: New self locking handles have been purchased for the two offices' doors, the basement door and closet door. These locks can only be open by key, the same key that is currently used by the Selectmen and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, but are unlocked on the inside allowing for easy egress out. Lexan has been ordered for the top half of the office doors to complete the retrofit. The Selectmen approved the progress made on the retrofit. When the retrofit is complete, Inspector Digangi will be contacted to inspect the offices.
2. Conservation Commission, Chairman Laroche and member Devore met with the Board to discuss a possible violation of the Stewart Conservation Easement and Scenic Road Law on Jackson Road. Road Agent Greenwood was also present for this discussion. Chairman Laroche presented a report with photos on this matter. The Grovesteens, owners of the Stewart property, were unable to come to the meeting. The ConCom had a concern for the ditches that were dug and stated that there is only one area that the Town has an easement to allow work. Road Agent stated that the water passes has been there for a very long time and need to be cleared periodically to allow the water to run off and not damage the road. The

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rocks were pulled from the water passes on the owner's request as Mrs. Grovesteen stated that the rocks were part of her stone walls. Mr. Greenwood also had a record of the dates of the road maintenance. It was also mentioned that the new owners of the Stewart do not want any road maintenance done and would like their end of the road to become a dead end. Mr. Larochelle emphasized more communication between the ConCom and the Road Agent is needed. Mrs. Devore expressed her appreciation for the Road Agent and Highway Department for their help on various ConCom projects. After more discussion, the Selectmen recommended that the Road Agent meet with the Grovesteens and walk the area in question.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

1. Request from ConCom for letters to accompany Recreational Trails Grant for repair of trestle at Jackson Road. Letters were ready and signed by the Selectmen. Selectmen voted to authorize Chairman Guiry to be the project administrator for the grant.
2. Request for advice from Selectmen on Confirmatory Easement Deed – Selectmen concurred with changes done to the deed by Town Attorney. The ConCom is requesting a gate in area of easement and verbiage to remediate the construction area to the original condition of the area. Selectmen advise that the ConCom put all requests in a memo to be attached to the easement.
3. Copy of letter from Shane Robinson to Conservation Commission, concerning wetlands delineation on his property. ConCom Chairman is disheartened by the amount of work done by the Robinson's in the wetlands. Mr. Larochelle will be submitting the wetlands complaint to the State for remediation.
4. From ConCom: Spaulding Brook (H.E. Fletcher) Monitor report and violations of abutter, Brackett.
5. Utility Maintenance Notification form – from PSNH
6. 2012 Highway Block Grant: \$67,132.52 , less than 2011
7. Letter from Attorney Silas Little concerning the Right-to-Know law as it applies to discussing advice from an attorney in non-public session.
8. Abatement application – Weiss, lot E-55. This will be forwarded to Town Assessor.
9. Police logs
10. Other: ConCom December minutes, Health Alert, Rulemaking Notice

Selectmen voted to enter into non-public session at 9:25 PM. Present were Selectmen and A.A. Milkovits. Session ended at 9:30 PM. The Board evaluated a workers' compensation issue. No action was taken.

On advice from the DRA, the chip seal article cannot be encumbered but will be voted as an article in March to take the \$50,000 from the fund balance for road sealing.

Since the next Selectmen's meeting is on Primary Day, the Board changed the meeting time to noon on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.