

December 11, 2012
Selectmen's Meeting/Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen: R.P. McGinnity Chairman, C. Moser & A.A. Milkovits (A. Richards absent due to previous engagement)

Also present: Treasurer Pat Letourneau & Deputy Treasurer Garth Fletcher
Meeting opened at 7:30 PM. The check manifest was reviewed and approved.

Agenda:

Appointments:

1. Sargent Collier, will be moving to 104 Townsend Road soon and inquired about any town regulations for conducting an antique firearms internet business at his future residence. Once he moves to Mason, ATF will be calling the town to be sure that this is a permitted residential use. Mr. Collier is currently working at the Stateline Gun Shop in Mason. He explained that he has his own business in selling antiques as well as antique firearms on the internet and has a federal firearms license. He also assured the Board that he does not sell assault weapons or "plastic" guns. There would not be any open hours for sales at the house and no advertising sign. Occasionally there may be a buyer coming to the house to pick up an item sold. Ninety percent of the sales occur on the internet. Selectman Moser stated that there are specific provisions in the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinances for home occupations: it needs to be the official residence, Can't have any employees, the home occupation cannot occupy more than 40 % of residence. If the proposed internet antiques and antique firearms business meet these requirements, then the business fits a home occupation, as long as it does not exceed the parameters. Mr. Collier agreed with the requirements. The Chairman stated that based on what was said by Mr. Collier the proposed business meets the criteria for a home business and a Special Exception is not required at this time.
2. Fire Chief David Baker, Police Chief Hutchins, and Road Agent Greenwood met to further discuss pursuing a proposal from Hollis Communication. Chairman McGinnity reiterated the reasons for the consensus to seek out other dispatch service. Fire Chief Baker mentioned some possible costs that were within the Board's tolerance of acceptance. After more discussion, the Selectmen favored moving forward to seek a formal proposal from Hollis Communication for Mason's dispatch services. Fire Chief will contact Hollis to inform them of the Selectmen's interest.
3. Bruce Ward, 651 Old County Road, had a question on his assessment for his partially built house and subsequent taxes. It was explained that the assessment on April 1st is the basis for the taxes. Mr. Ward stated that on April 1st only the foundation was done for his house and he feels that the assessment reflects 60 % finish. After more discussion, Mr. Ward was encouraged to file for an abatement and that the burden of proof on the condition of his house rested on him.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

Old Business:

1. Re: Minutes – Selectmen Meeting minutes and Staff Meeting minutes from November 27, 2012 were approved as written.
2. Re: Use of Town Buildings: The Board appointed Selectman Moser to contact LGC-PLIT to discuss the use of town buildings by outside parties and the

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- resultant requirement for insurance by these parties. Mr. Moser will report back his findings.
3. Re: Contribution Holiday from LGC-HealthTrust: the first contribution was received as a credit to the December health insurance invoice.
 4. Re: Quote for new server, firewall and wireless from MicroTime –the Board voted to table the discussion on this quote until David Baker responds to the Board on a possible donated server.
 5. Re: Request for road bond from Quarry – there has been no response to this request. A second request will be sent with a required response in 15 days.

New Business:

1. Selectmen moved to abate the tax for lot K-43, as this lot no longer exists as it was combined into lots K-40 and K-40-1.
2. Road Bond for logging on lot B-18, Starch Mill Road.
3. Request from Road Agent for partial release of road bond, \$3,211.00 from logging operation on Abbott Hill Road for damage done to the road. Selectmen will request evidence from the Road Agent for the damage that was done to Abbott Hill Road.
4. Abatement application: Mitchell, lot H-61-4 to be reviewed by new town assessor in January.
5. Notice from NH Highway Safety Agency: Contract approved for Mason DWI/DUI Project and Mason Enforcement Patrols Project.
6. Police logs
7. Email from Toni Flewelling, Primex Member Services Consultant concerning WC premium holiday refund. Selectmen voted to receive the refund as a credit on the 2013 WC invoice.
8. Notice: Meeting schedule of the Wilton Budget Committee – January 17th
9. Other:
 - Utility Maintenance Notification
 - 2012 EQ Ratio study: this will be reviewed and signed by Selectmen on Thursday.
 - Other correspondence

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara L. Milkovits
Administrative Assistant