

September 24, 2013
Selectmen's Meeting/Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen: R.P. McGinnity Chairman, C. Moser, B. O'Grady & A.A. Milkovits
No residents were present.

Agenda:

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM. The check manifest was reviewed and approved.

Appointments:

1. Dr. C. Christopher Guiry, School Board member met with the Board to discuss two issues: consolidating the town and school reports and using the Mason Elementary School for all elections. This past March the school and town had planned on a joint report but there were some difficulties. Dr. Guiry stated that this year there would be no constraints on the number of reports. He also acknowledged that the town had produced a quality report last year and how the residents would really appreciate one combined report. There are still many items to consider: timelines – the school has an earlier deadline to meet than the town, collaboration for the formatting of the report, point person for negotiating with the printer and the cost factor. Chairman McGinnity stated that the Board is open to negotiating this joint venture. Both town and school will gather more information before a final decision is made.

Re: Use of school for all elections – Last year the town was billed for custodial expenses after the use of the school for the Presidential election. This was an unexpected expense. The Selectmen and Dr. Guiry spoke of some of the deterrents to this use: presence of school children during voting, etc. The Superintendent is now scheduling teacher workshops during times for voting. Then the students will not be present for the elections. Dr. Guiry recommended that the town pay something for use of the building for the elections as there is an expense for the supervision of the function room, opening and closing the school, sweeping up at night, etc. He was gently reminded that the town does not bill the school for use of the town library. No final decision was made on this issue.

2. Police Chief Hutchins met with the Board to discuss a personnel issue and legal matter. Chairman McGinnity made a motion to enter into non-public session for personnel issue and legal matter at 7:47 PM. This motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative to enter into non-public session. Present were Selectmen, Police Chief Hutchins and A.A. Milkovits. Decision was made. A vote was taken to seal the minutes. Session ended at 8:31PM.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

Old Business:

1. Re: Minutes – Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative to accept the Selectmen Meeting minutes from September 10, 2013 as written.
2. Re: Appraisal of lot K-52: Town assessor figured the appraisal of town owned lot K-52 to be \$87,000. Copy of the appraisal will be sent to Matthew LeClair abutter to allow him the first offer on the property. The information will also be sent to the realtor who is handling the sale of lot K-53 for her clients who may be

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- interested in purchasing the town lot. The Selectmen will allow sixty days for receiving offers for the property.
3. Health Insurance Marketplace Notice to be distributed to all employees by October 1, 2013 – approved for distribution.
 4. Re: Business at 24 Townsend Road – the owners will have an informational meeting with the Planning Board on Wednesday to discuss what is needed for their events' business. The Selectmen want to be sure that the Planning Board is also aware of the bed and breakfast business that the owners are operating on the property. The bed and breakfast business is listed online in Trip Advisor. The owners will need to apply for a Special Exception as well as a Site Plan Review for these two types of businesses.
 5. Re: Liebermann request to release portion of property from lien – LGC was contacted on this matter and according to RSA 674:37-a, III, the Selectmen cannot release a portion of property from tax lien. The entire lien must be paid in full. Ms. Liebermann wished to do a lot line adjustment with her neighbor and sell half an acre to clear up some of her lien debt. Selectman Moser, ex-officio for the Planning Board will present this information from LGC to the Planning Board and Ms. Liebermann at the PB meeting on Wednesday.
 6. Re: Walter Alford – update on notice service – The notice was served on Mr. Alford on Sunday by Mason PD. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 8th at 4 PM. Selectman O'Grady has been researching town records for any information on changes to Starch Mill Road. There have been no records showing any portion of the road discontinued.
 7. Re: Emerson Lane – Selectman O'Grady had questions on the status of Emerson Lane. Selectmen had sent a memo last year to the realtors handling property at 111 Emerson Lane that they understood that Emerson Lane was a Class V road. Some discussion ensued on how Class V roads could become Class VI (no maintenance for five years); other classifications to use portions of Class VI roads, such as declaring them as emergency lanes, etc. The Road Agent will be consulted on this matter of Emerson Lane.

New Business:

1. From BTLA – Appeal from Calphams Bedford Holdings, LLC for 2012 property taxes – town assessor is reviewing and will respond.
2. Email from Stephen Hoffman, Broadband Committee, concerning conversation with TDS manager about updating broadband coverage for residents in “dead” spots. It seems that Fairpoint will not extend coverage due to lack of funds.
3. Re: Emailed complaint from Pomerleau – unfounded complaint
4. Police logs
5. Building Permit # 13-26: DeFranco, lot F-11-2, screen porch/deck
6. Letters from Superintendent concerning adding the town office to reverse E911 for alert system.
- Other: Recommendations from the Joint Loss/Safety Committee concerning the following:
 - Re: Panic buttons – employees in the Town Office and Library should be mandated to wear the buttons.

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- Re: Town Office should be added to reverse 911 Mason School alert systems for lockdown information.
- Re: Town Office and Library should be in lockdown if the school is in lockdown.
- The Board agreed and accepted all three recommendations.
- A.A. Milkovits will be on vacation from October 14th to October 24th.
- Correspondence: Meeting notices, foreclosure notices, health notice – first influenza case in NH, other notices.

Selectmen signed the following:

- Appointment for First Responder, Margaret Lambert, term-six-month probation.
- Revised MS-5- as recommended by the town auditors
- Revised MS-1- this includes the assessment of \$1,137,000 for Fairpoint Communications.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Milkovits

Administrative Assistant