

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

OCTOBER 28, 2008

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board their next meeting.

Present: Neal Huntoon, John Chiarella and Don Hill.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dana Conrad, Account Representative from the Local Government Center and Travis Horne, Health Management Representative met with the Board to discuss health plans offered by the Health Trust. Employee health plan coverage for 2009 has decreased by 0.8%. The current benefit plan with an alternative prescription co-pay option would be 3.5% less than current costs. A high deductible plan and health savings accounts were reviewed. The Selectmen may be interested in offering employees options in coverage. Travis Horne reviewed Risk Management Services and the Life Resources Assistance Program.

Old Business:

John reported the new fire truck is in service and members are training with it now. John also reported that members are appreciative of the new door and locking system.

Neal made a motion to have a new lock installed on the door to the equipment room. The motion was seconded by John and unanimously approved.

Leigh Callaway has agreed to be Springfield's Representative to the Municipal Budget Committee. He will be sworn in at the MBC meeting this evening. The Board is very appreciative of Leigh's willingness to participate.

Roofing and installation at the Town Office is to begin next week.

Minutes: The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 14, 2008 as written.

Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition (SAWC): June Fichter, Ken Lawson, and Cynthia Hayes gave a presentation for the Sunapee Area Watershed. SAWC has developed a plan for erosion control measures and encourages Towns to issue the criteria with building and driveway permits. SAWC has set a goal to maintain and improve water quality. SAWC asked the Selectmen for their continued support of the coalition and their recommendations. Their goal is to work with the Planning Board to implement their recommendations into local regulations.

Highway Department Fuel Tank: Neal reported he and Brad have discussed moving the installation of the vehicle fuel tank outside the highway garage. The existing tank is to be moved outside and placed in a contained area. The area will have a roof and the pump will be kept locked. The 275 gallon fuel tank from the old highway garage will be moved for building

heating purposes. Brad has done some research on prices. A motion was made by Neal to move forward with the fuel tank project, seconded by John and unanimously approved. The purchase order was signed. It is hoped that the work can be completed the end of November.

Dallas Patten and Erik Rollins met with the Board to discuss selling the 1981 GMC Engine and a 2500 gallon poly tank. The Board agreed to advertise sealed bids.

The Board reviewed a request from members of the Rescue Department and the Recreation Department to keep the Town Hall open the first two weekends in December for events. The request was denied and the Selectmen stood by their decision to close the building from the end of November until Town Meeting.

Election Day: The Selectmen discussed their schedule for November 4th. Neal will be at the polls from 8 am to 2 pm, Don will be there from 2 pm until the end. John will be there from 4 pm to the end.

The Selectmen discussed engineering studies at the highway site. Janet will contact Ross Stevens. The Board asked that a letter be sent to Ross regarding the engineering fees incurred during the Miller Zoning hearings.

Department Updates:

Evaluation forms for town employees were received by the Board. Due to time constraints they were not reviewed by the Board. Board members agreed to come in and view them during the next few weeks.

Eugene Call has completed Roads Scholar Level One courses from UNH. Bradley Butcher has completed Roads Scholar Level two. They will be sent letters from the Board congratulating them on their achievements.

WCNH: There will be a meeting of WCNH in New London on November 6th at 7:00 p.m. Neal will plan to attend. Don may be available. An RSVP will be sent.

Correspondence:

The Selectmen reviewed a 2009 budgetary request from Southwestern Community Services. The Board reviewed their copy of a response to the Department of Environmental Services from Timothy Denison.

A letter from the UVLSRPC regarding the Tri-State Connecticut River Watershed Initiative was reviewed.

The Board approved a request for a waiver of the inventory penalty under hardship and misfortune.

Signatures:

Intent to cut timber approved.

Building permits approved

Purchase orders for the Highway Department were approved (5).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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