

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APRIL 27, 2009

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

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

Present: Jon Chiarella and Dave Tucker. Don Hill was away.

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

Public Comments:

Tom Duling came in regarding a concern about disturbance along the shore of the Mill Pond on Town Farm Road. John Chiarella stated the body of water does not fall under the Comprehensive Shoreland area, but would be under the jurisdiction of the DES. Tom will contact the DES.

Highway:

Brad Butcher, Road Agent, met with the Board. A section of guardrail on McDaniel's Marsh needs to be replaced and the ends need to be changed to comply with State standards. The project estimate is \$3,050. There is \$2500 in the guardrail budget, Brad would like to use \$500 from the reclamation budget for this project. The Selectmen approved.

Brad reported on the condition of the handrails on the handicap ramps. Brad brought a sample of an iron rail designed by Henry Bresnahan with him. The cost of iron railing would be \$1000 not installed or painted or \$1500.00 installed. Brad said he thought he could sand the wooden rails at the Town Hall. The rails at the Town Office should be replaced. There are some posts that need replacement as well.

Brad reported that He and Gene attended an ethics class last week. He has prepared and posted a Code of Ethics for the Highway Department.

Brad reported he is going to be away May 2. Gene will pick up trash from Green-Up Day on Saturday afternoon. He is willing take a half day off some other time to make up for it.

Brad reported the Highway Department will begin working 10 hour shifts with Fridays off as of Thursday, April 30.

Emergency Management:

Keith Cutting, Emergency Management Director met with the Board. He is ready to begin working on the Emergency Operations Manual. He would like to schedule a public meeting and invite Department Heads to attend.

Keith stated he has been receiving reports regarding the Swine Flu and will keep the Town informed of any local requirements.

Assistance Department:

Laura Patten, Local Assistance Director attended the meeting. Laura reported she met with, Rich Chappel, the manager of the Newport Area Food Pantry. He has seen many repeat customers from Springfield this year and is requesting assistance from the Town. Laura spoke with him about collecting non-perishable food items in town to donate to the pantry on a year-round basis. If this is successful, he will not need to request as much assistance from the Town. The other area towns contribute through monetary and food donations. Currently he is seeking \$200-\$300 from the Town. He may need to request more monetary contribution in the future.

Old Home Day:

A meeting for an Old Home Day event was held on April 20. Committees have been formed to organize activities. The group would still like to hold the event on July 11. They have changed the parade route to go from Bowman Road to the Town Office so as not to interfere with the bike race. Laura stated she has been to the Fire Department to ask if they would be interested in doing a BBQ but she needs to meet with them again.

The Selectmen discussed their concerns with the Prouty Bike Race coming through town at the same time as the Old Home Day. Laura will make it a point to speak to Tim again about the event and will try to contact someone from the Prouty. The Selectmen stated they would be more comfortable with changing the date of the Old Home Day if it interferes with the Prouty.

There is another committee meeting scheduled for Monday May 4 at 7:00 p.m. Laura stated they will need to make a decision about the date of Old Home Day in order to be able to proceed with publicity. Sara Ellis has volunteered to make some additional sandwich-board type signs to put up throughout Town. Laura contacted the LGC regarding liability issues. They recommended their event and parade planning guide, which has been ordered. A permit for the Parade Route will need to be completed for the State, once an official date is known.

Brandt Dennison stated he was at the planning meeting on April 20, and the enthusiasm by those in attendance is overwhelming and great to see.

Historical Society:

Brandt stated he has met with Brad about the trees at the museum. The root system of the trees is causing problems with the integrity of the stone wall. Davey Tree will be there May 2 to remove all the hemlocks and the 2 maples. The trees will be cut at ground level and chipped. Davey Tree will donate their time and a Certificate of Insurance has been received. John stated the Selectmen had discussed what to do about the trees last year.

Brandt also discussed installation of a split rail cedar fence. He and Brad have discussed the layout. The split rail will be set back 4' from the stone wall. Volunteers will install the wall. RP Johnson has given the Historical Society a 34% discount. Work is scheduled to begin on May 9th.

Fire Department:

Dallas Patten met with the Board. Dallas was elected as Fire Chief and Peter Lacaillade as Assistant Chief at the Fire Department meeting on April 21, 2009. The roster of other officers was reviewed. The Board of Selectmen approved the slate of officers as elected.

Advertising for the Fire Truck is all set to be posted on e-bay.

Minutes

Correction made to the minutes of April 13, 2009, paragraph 6. "The Society has someone from Davey Tree who volunteered to cut the trees and grind the stumps" edited to "The Society has someone from Davey Tree who volunteered to cut the trees at ground level." The Board approved the minutes as corrected.

Miscellaneous Business:

Dave Tucker reported inmates from the county prison will be here on May 5th to work at the cemetery. Dave would like to have the town purchase pizza for the workers. The Board approved the purchase.

John reported an hour meter will not be installed on the Ford Explorer. The new cruiser should be here around the end of May and will have one in it all ready. The Crown Vic all ready has one.

The Selectmen tabled any discussion regarding the complaint received about property on Eastman Access Road until Chief Tim can be at the meeting.

Correspondence:

The Selectmen reviewed the correspondence from Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition regarding a Workforce Housing Implementation workshop.

The Selectmen reviewed a copy of a Dredge and Fill Application for property on Howard Road.

Signatures:

Purchase orders approved for the Highway Department.

Building Rental Agreement was approved.

Current Use Application approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant