

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APRIL 25, 2011

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

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

Selectmen present: Don Hill, Leigh Callaway, and John Chiarella.

See sign-in sheet (attached) for others present:

Chairman Chiarella called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comments:

Susan Chiarella addressed health and safety concerns due to a dumpster on property across the street from the beach that has been there for quite some time piled with trash. She is concerned this might leach into the lake. Selectmen unanimously agreed to write a letter to the property owner inquiring as to a schedule for getting the dumpster removed. The selectmen will seek a response by the next meeting.

Bill Huntoon stated he had heard that the winter sand stockpiled (2009-2010) might be for sale. John stated that the Selectmen have no knowledge of this.

School: Several present (see list attached) discussed concern with e-mails they received stating that the Selectmen were forming a committee to look into changing school districts. John explained the selectmen have asked the schools committee to investigate areas that concern residents relative to educational benefits, costs to the town associated with the district or costs to withdraw. The committee would provide the Selectmen with recommendations to support the needs of Springfield's students. John explained the Selectmen are always looking for volunteers to assist them in providing services to the community. Leigh stated that the schools committee is a selectman's advisory committee that was formed two years ago when the district first entertained the idea of dissolving the Springfield Kindergarten. At the last Selectmen's meeting the suggestion was made to have the committee reconvene due to the frustration people felt over the school board's recent decision to move the kindergarten. Several in attendance two weeks ago raised the question about other possibilities for provision of kindergarten in town. Don expressed his disappointment in the school board's decision. People are very upset about the loss and what to do about it. Emotions are charged and rumors started. Several people stated they had not been aware of the proposal to close the kindergarten until they read about it in the paper, and inquired as to how to get on the schools committee. The Selectmen reported that Emily Cleaveland had been asked to Chair previous committee meetings. She is in the process of organizing a meeting date. Anyone with interest was encouraged to contact Emily. People were also encouraged to check the town's website or sign up for list serve for copies of agendas and minutes, and notifications of town events.

Library: Steve Klein inquired about having another sign board built. Many times there is not room enough on the one board to notice all activities taking place. The library will pay for the board to be built from donations. They would like permission for installation near the existing sign. Library notices would take precedent on the new board. Selectmen reviewed options: H having two signs, and repairing the plastic rails on the old sign or building a larger sign. Motion (John), second (Leigh) to approve a second sign board for the library, to be built the same as the existing sign with Selectmen input where the new sign is placed. Motion passed unanimously. The Selectmen will look into getting the existing board repaired.

Conservation Commission: Cynthia Bruss reported Conservation Commission is continuing to review boundaries and most recently have worked on the upper North East corner of the town-owned Fogg and McDonald lots. Cynthia reported there appears to have been some infringement on the Wilmot side of the town property as well as an area where perhaps blazed trees have been removed. An area of ATV and/or snowmobile use was also noted. A parcel of land located between the town lots is owned by the Knowlton Family Trust. This area is prime wildlife area. The Conservation Commission has never pursued asking a private land owner to protect their land, but they would like to investigate it for this parcel. Cynthia noted the Quobbin to Cardigan incentive is in this area and there are other options such as Ausbon Sargent or forest society. The CC has not formulated what the approach might be. Motion (Leigh); second (John) to approve the Conservation Commission pursuing all available options to preserve this area of wildlife habitat with the landowner. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department: Jen Roberts and Wayne Lacaillade, Fire/Rescue Department reviewed the purchase of the Lifepak 15. Selectmen approved and signed the purchase order.

Recreation field: Jim Tucker inquired if teams from the New London Outing Club could use the ball field. Several of the coaches and players are from Springfield. They would like to be able to hold some activities in town. Jim will provide the town with a Certificate of Insurance. John asked that Jim check the back stops and field before practice begins. Selectmen unanimously approved.

Minutes: Page 1: corrected *Bryon* O'Day to Bryan; and Costs *district \$45,000 to run 27 buses in Springfield* to Costs district \$45,000 per bus to run 27 buses in the district. Page 2: changed *Sutton school has 80 students and they are adding an 80,000 gallon fuel tank at a cost of \$16,000,* to Sutton school has 80 students and they are adding a fuel tank at a cost of \$25,000., Page 3: corrected *Springfield pays the most of all towns in the district* to Springfield pays the most per resident of all towns in the district.

Leigh Callaway requested that the minutes reflect that two weeks ago "Leigh Callaway stated that the Town had no alternative to tax deeding the property and stood corrected by John Trachy that there were other options available."

Motion made (John) second (Leigh) to approve the April 11, 2011 minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Waite mobile home update: Certified letter offering the former owner the right to repurchase has been sent and was received by the owner on or around April 13. 90 day clock is ticking. John Chiarella stated there has been some interest expressed to buy and fix up the mobile home for use as a rental. Whether it can stay there is up to the park owner. Don indicated that part of their decision to deed the mobile home was based an early meeting when the park owner said she would bid at least \$1.00 to take care of this problem. Selectmen noted concerns that have been addressed with the costs to the town. Don suggested the board should meet with the lawyer to review all options to protect the town. Selectmen unanimously agreed to meet with the attorney at the earliest possible convenience.

Board unanimously approved the effective date of June 27, 2011 for instituting road name change of Hazard Road North to Hazard Road and Hazzard Road South to Greeley Road.

Annual inventory of property – PA 28 forms. As the office was closed on Friday, April 15, 2011 the Board unanimously agreed to accept forms without penalty through Monday, April 18, 2011.

Board and Department Updates:

Don reported Planning Board has worked out a project timeline for this year.

Leigh reported the Emergency Operations Committee has a floor plan for layout of the emergency operations center. He will be getting an electrician in to do an electrical evaluation of the building as well as an estimate for a 200 amp service generator. The next meeting of the EOC is May 4th.

Leigh recommended that someone from the EOC should also be on the Space Needs Committee. Those committees will work hand in hand with ideas for use of the kindergarten classroom. Leigh will speak to Cynthia Anderson about the committee and will organize a meeting.

Grantham Selectman's meeting: Board voted unanimously in favor of supporting Grantham's request for State action on Route 114. Don stated the Town should get on the State's bridge repair list.

Leigh reviewed the letter of intent for hazard mitigation plans for an undersized culvert on Stoney Brook Road. Board unanimously approved the submission.

John Chiarella reported he had a conversation with Roger Landry, Zoning Administrator for Sunapee. Discussion had been about whether site visits by the ZBA were legal. Sunapee does not do site visits. Zoning members go individually to a proposed site. LGC counsel has indicated site visits by the ZBA are legal as long as they are noticed appropriately and run just as a hearing is run, as an organized group with questions and comments run through the chair, and without side discussions taking place. Leigh noted, for the record, that the selectmen have no authority over the ZBA.

George McCusker noted he and Bryan O'Day were at the Sunapee Zoning meeting recently. He commented that he was impressed with the zoning administrator position in Sunapee and how well the process worked. The hearing went with precision. Applicants and board members were prepared and ready. The Zoning Administrator advised the board on legal processes and procedures and by the time the applicant was finished with their hearing, they were ready to move on to the next process. Don noted the selectmen had made a personnel change with the hopes to grow that person into a similar position, but the person resigned. The Selectmen are looking at where the town needs to go with this.

Selectmen worked out a check signing schedule: May – Leigh, June – John, July – Don. Schedule will continue on the 3-month rotation.

Selectmen Department oversight: Assignments will remain the same. Leigh agreed to work with some of the additional periodic committees such as Joint Loss Management.

John: Budget Committee, Fire & Rescue, Highway & Maintenance, and Zoning Board.

Don: Planning Board and Police Department

Leigh: Cemetery, Conservation, Library and Recreation.

Perambulation: Leigh reported he has compiled a notebook with town line GPS coordinates and perambulation information. The Wilmot Town Line has been surveyed and is just a matter of getting together with someone from Wilmot to review. Leigh noted the Selectmen are looking for volunteers who are willing to do perambulations. Statutorily they should be done every 7 years.

Swing set: Board unanimously approved replacing the existing swing set with a new one at the playground. The Board will speak to the school district to see if they plan on leaving or removing their playground structure. The old swing will go out to bid. Bids will be due at the next selectmen's meeting.

Highway: John reported he has talked to Pete about job descriptions and organizing the department. The Selectmen would like this done before a hiring decision is made. Pete will be asked to attend the next Selectmen's meeting.

John noted that he may be able to get some information from Roger Landry as to what associated costs and arrangements he has at Sunapee which may help the Selectmen in defining how to move forward with this position. Don noted that the Planning Board discussed this type of position at their meeting as well.

Selectmen unanimously agreed they would prioritize and begin scheduling work that is on the maintenance project list at their meeting May 9th.

The carpet in the church was discussed. The church currently gets used once a year. Selectmen agreed to put a runner or something similar over the hole in the carpet for now.

Cemetery: Frank Anderson has the gates locked currently as someone has driven in there and rutted up the road. Inmates from Sullivan County will be assisting with cemetery work sometime the middle of May.

Correspondence:

Contact information provided by the office of Raymond Burton

Notification of Newly Adopted Subsurface System Bureau Rules

Letter from Jerry Frew, Superintendent of Schools, thanking Springfield for their years of support of the Kindergarten.

Request from Brandt Denniston regarding the fence and backstop at the ball field.

John noted trees need to be cut, ditching done and fencing repairs made. There funds available in the Recreation Field Fund. Selectmen need to look at projects and prioritize list of projects to be done before Old Home Day, July 9.

Notice from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Committee regarding receipt of HUD Grant.

Notice of Population Estimate from US Census of 2011. (1311)

Public Hearing Notice from Town of Sutton for May 4, for proposed tower construction.

Permit by Notification received from Sackett/Lockwood on Stoney Brook Road

Signatures:

RMS –Crimestar Purchase Order – Police Department

Intent to Cut Timber forms approved.

Yield Tax Assessments approved.

Wage deliberation: Selectmen's next order of business was review of police department wages. Since wage deliberations deal with an individual's compensation Selectmen agreed the deliberations should be done in a non-public session per RSA 91:A. Selectmen's decision will be reported in the public minutes.

Motion (Don); second (Leigh) to enter into non-public session Per RSA 91: A, immediately following the public session. The purpose to discuss employee compensation. Motion passed unanimously.

Board moved into non-public session at 9:20 p.m.

At 10:05 p.m. Board voted unanimously to seal the non-public minutes and enter back into public session.

Selectmen unanimously approved a 7% increase effective April 1, 2011 for Tim Julian, a 5% increase effective April 1, 2011 for Michael Beaulieu, and a 7% increase effective April 1, 2011 for Cynthia Anderson.

The Selectmen voted to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Roberts

Approved May 9, 2011.

Board of Selectmen

7/25/11

Sign-in

Melissa Gaherty

Christine Haley

Chris Gaherty

James Tucker

~~John Frachy~~

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Michael Beauhieu Police Sgt.

Michael Chiarella

Susan Chiarella

Jeff Haley

James Tucker

Cynthia Bruce

Mike Lawlor

Judy Lawlor

Todd Fleury

Bryan Gray

George McWhorter

William F. Hunt

Wayne LaCaille

Jennifer Roberts

Stuart Klein

David Kellerin

Diz Kellerin

Jim Hates

Emily Cleveland