

Board of Selectmen

August 8, 2011

Memorial Building

7:00 p.m.

Minutes are considered draft until approved by the selectmen at the next meeting.

Present: John Chiarella (chairman), Leigh Callaway and Don Hill.

Also in attendance: David Armstrong, Bryan O'Day, George McCusker, Melody Waddell, Judy Lawlor, Mike Lawlor, Todd Fleury, Tom Duling, Ed Belfield, Peter Abair, William Huntoon, Justin Hastings, Tim Julian.

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

Public Comments: Billy Huntoon asked where demo of trailer was being advertised, response was through word of mouth to save money on advertising. Wanted to know about \$75.00 per hour cost to have town employees do the demo of trailer, he has heard that figure a number of times. Response was that the selectmen were not aware of the actual per hour cost. Also wanted to know why the town was sending one of the town trucks to someone who did not have insurance? Response was that there was no other option in this situation as the other businesses had wait times of many weeks. George McCusker asked if there was a possibility of the individual being put on a rider with the town during the time work was being done. Selectmen did not know if LGC had this type of coverage. Selectmen would like to be able to find someone local to do the welding work on the loader at a reasonable cost and had insurance. Billy asked if there were going to be anymore bid requests in the future. Painting/Staining of the Shed that is to be built would be put out next.

Appointments: David Armstrong (use of the baseball field)

John asked if David would have insurance, and that the town did not have any grooming equipment. David responded that if he did have adequate insurance and did the grooming would there be any issues with the use as requested. Don responded that the selectmen had no issues and were happy that the field was going to be used. David said he would get with Chad Denning and discuss the insurance and grooming equipment needs.

The Selectmen unanimously voted to approve both the June 25th and 27th minutes as written.

Old Business: Leigh reported that the logging on Brooks Lot is going well, has not heard of any complaints. At this point only pine has been cut.

Painting/Staining of the shed will be added to the "to do list". Electrical at the Town Hall needs to be addressed.

Selectmen need to go through the "to do" list.

Don has received numerous complaints about the signage on School House Rd. It has been reported that Cynthia Hayes has told people they may come to the house to get a key to pass

through the gate. Selectmen do not find this acceptable. Hayes/Trachy owns half the road and Seecamp own the other half. The letter sent to Cynthia Hayes dated August 2, 2011 gave 30 days for action to occur in regards to removal of the gate.

Leigh reported that there have been no problems with Stryker Rd.

Updated Highway Department job descriptions: selectmen requested that a cover letter be attached informing the employees of the changes and requesting signatures from them.

Todd Fleury reported that he looked in on the boiler to see why there were problems heating the downstairs room. He suggested that they circulator needed to be upgraded to a 007 TACO or a 009 TACO.

Don reported that recently a resident complained of the heat in the town office and an employee stated that they were saving electricity by not using the air conditioner.

New Business:

Vacuum is broke again. Cost to fix would be \$307, buy new \$499 heavy duty one \$549. Todd suggested looking into a Craftsmen model as the place he works bought one and they like it. Don asked Tamara to do some research on vacuums and also ask Clint what his thoughts are.

Selectmen received copies of the New London Parking/Beach use ordinance and will discuss ideas for Springfield at the next meeting.

Peter reported that the grader is in need of new tires. He can get them from Pete's Tire Barn for \$1400 a piece for a total of \$5800. Selectmen approved the purchase as there was a limited number available. Peter plans to do some shim and sealing on Bowman Rd, George Hill and if any if left Town Farm Rd. The red truck is on its last legs and a replacement needs to be seriously considered. It was last inspected in the spring with another one coming right up. Selectmen don't want to dump a lot of money into it but it needs to be safe to run for the short term at least.

Two bids were received; one was after the 4:00 deadline. Selectmen requested that one be changed to have a shed roof and the other needed to show if they had insurance. Selectmen approved to spend up to \$2200 but to go with which ever is lower and meets the requirements. No further meetings will be required.

Correspondence:

Selectmen received a letter of resignation from Kevin Roberts. They wish to thank him for his service to the town. The vacancy will be advertised on the Website and sent out via list serve. Tom Duling will fill in until a replacement can be found.

Notice of Public Hearing from the Wilmot Zoning Board concerning a Variance request to build a Yurt on Lajoie Rd. Selectmen questioned why they did not receive adequate notice of the hearing, and where Lajoie Rd was in relation to Springfield?

Mascoma Man Triathlon August 20, 2011 Route will be along Route 4A from Wilmot to Enfield.

Building Permits:

Seekamp: approved

Lee: approved

Handley: because of the addition of a building they felt this needed to go to Planning for a Site Plan review, this might also need a new septic design because of the new state requirements. Also the distance to Kidder Brook poses questions as well. Tom agreed with the Selectmen.

Misc:

Conservation Commission received \$68 in donations at Old Home Day. They are asking the selectmen to approve deposit into the Conservation fund. Selectmen approved the deposit of the \$68 into the Conservation Fund.

George McCusker asked about the dog fostering he has heard about. Planning will be dealing with this on the 18th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.