

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 5, 2008

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room. Present were Chairman Sharon Davis, Selectmen, Charles Wheeler, Charles Cheney, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. The Board spent the first half hour going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 3 Residency Applications, 1 Pole Location Plan, 1 Warrant for Collection of Excavation Tax, 1 Notice of Intent to Excavate, 1 Sign Permit, 2 Building Permits, 3 Timber Tax Warrants, 1 Land use Penalty Tax Warrant, 1 Proposal from Mountain Mapping Surveying & Cartography.

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Davis called the meeting to order. The Board's first appointment of the evening was Butch Bain, Road Agent. Butch explained that out of the \$175,000 allotted in the budget for paving, he needed approximately \$13,000 for guardrails on Bog Road. The further discussion of paving Southmayd Street was of concern because of drainage problems and possibly more hauling being done on the road. Butch explained that he felt he could correct the drainage problem with gravel and a swale and he would like to do that himself rather than have it contracted out as it would save money. Butch will have to get a state driveway permit and check to see if there would be much more hauling on the Street. The Board agreed to go forward with paving Southmayd if the water problem could be corrected and the hauling was at a minimum. Butch explained that GMI would have to be notified soon in order to hold the proposal price. The Board gave the Road Agent authority to go forward with Southmayd paving with GMI Asphalt Corp as long as all the other problems discussed above were resolved. The Board also felt it necessary to invite Carl Rodriguez to a Selectmen's Meeting to discuss the water drainage problem in front of his property on Southmayd Street. This problem also needs to be corrected by him before the paving begins. Butch Bain stated that Southmayd Street would be the first to be paved, with the hope of starting the end of May, then Rosy Lane and the rest of the proposed roads done in August and September. The Road Agent felt Stickney Hill will have more extensive work because of rock excavating. The Board thanked Butch for coming in and Chair Davis next called on Ann Marie regarding correspondence.

Ann Marie presented the Promissory Note together with other pertinent documents to the Board to sign regarding a Tax Anticipation Note. She also presented a cash flow statement which reflected why the Town needed to borrow money at this time.

Ann Marie spoke to Bruce at Lyndonville Office Products regarding the copy machine for the Town Clerk's Office. Bruce honestly indicated to her that buying the machine would be the best route since the interest rate would be 10 to 12% to lease and the Town would still have to deal with a buy out at the end of the lease for the fair market value. Also, a maintenance agreement would still have to be purchased if it was leased which would bring the cost up further.

Ann Marie indicated that she received a call from DES regarding a property on Eastern Corner Road because of a problem with excavation of the driveway and silt going into the brook. DES stated they would take care of this issue.

Ann Marie distributed to the Board information regarding Internal Controls procedures pertaining to the new auditing in effect. She stated she will be registering for some classes pertaining to new procedures. Focus of internal controls is being had on separation of duties in order to try to lessen the possibility of funds being misappropriated. The separation of duties involves more manpower and Ann Marie expressed her appreciation of having the assistance of May and Ellie in the office to accommodate her with the additional tasks.

Ann Marie presented a letter from Mrs. Verrow, a taxpayer, who is not pleased with the decision on the assessing of her property and Selectman Wheeler indicated that he would call Mrs. Verrow to discuss the matter.

Ann Marie read a very pleasing letter to the Board from Joseph McComiskey commending the Fire Chief and Police Chief, and their staff on the excellent manner and swift action that was taken when they were recently called to his residence due to his suffering a heart attack. Mr. McComiskey attributes his still being alive to their professional actions and obviously felt the need to recognize this in writing.

Ann Marie stated a letter was received from Scott Woods, a Beebe River District Commissioner, who was concerned about a building collapse in the District and the unsafe conditions. It was agreed by the Board that a letter would be sent out to Mrs. Nault to have her secure one building in question and another letter to Vern Chase (who owns another building in the District) which has on-going concerns regarding unsafe conditions. Selectman Craig Keeney felt the properties should be demolished.

Selectman Marsh Morgan indicated that he had met recently with Attorney Tim Bates, State officials and Federal Government officials concerning KC Tire clean up. Selectman Morgan stated the Federal Government was not interested in becoming involved, but the State was very concerned about air quality control and properly disposing of the hazardous waste. The problem that lies in the clean up is the cost of \$150,000 to \$200,000 to handle the process correctly. Selectman Morgan mentioned that perhaps if the Town would release the hold on some of the lots, Mrs. Nault could acquire some money (by sales) for clean up. The Board agreed that they would release the lots for sale if the road was completed or a bond was put in place to build the road. They also agreed, as per Selectman Charles Cheney's recommendation, that the Town waive the remaining \$55,000.00 on these lots.

Ann Marie also received a notice that the present health insurance policy premium for Town employees was going to be increasing 19.1% so the pursuit of the Benefits Committee for other insurance premium quotes was definitely necessary.

A booklet was received from White Mountain National Forest indicating more cutting and burning would be done to create more open areas (including Campton) to encourage more wild life. Selectman Keeney and Selectman Cheney expressed a desire to have copies made of this information for their own personal reference.

Ann Marie inquired about proceeding with the Blair Bridge repair project. Ann Marie will call Nancy Mayville at DOT to clarify if an engineering firm is needed in order for the Town to qualify for State funding for the project.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis called for a motion to approve the previous week's Minutes. Selectman Marsh Morgan made three revisions to the Minutes and then made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Selectman Wheeler, all voted in favor of the revised Minutes.

Chair Davis called on Other Business and Selectmen's Input. Selectman Keeney stated that a number of residents were concerned about the speed limit on Rosy Lane, especially when it is fully paved. The Board acknowledged that a speed limit sign could be installed, but if they want the limit reduced it would have to go before a public hearing to be approved.

Selectman Keeney indicated that he has approximately three properties that he would like to visit with Charles Brosseau, Code Enforcement Officer concerning the junkyard issue. Selectman Keeney indicated that he felt a deadline date should be given to the property owners for cleaning up with a follow-up letter spelling out the clean up issues discussed. A September 1, 2008 date was discussed by the Board.

Selectman Marsh Morgan inquired as to whether or not there were records available concerning the new well at the Town Garage regarding depth, etc. Selectman Keeney confirmed that information was available.

Ann Marie inquired about having an Open House at the Town Garage. The Board felt possibly in the fall an Open House could be arranged.

There being no further business, Chairman Davis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and voted by all, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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