

SELECTPERSONS MEETING

January 8, 2009

Present: Stan Judge, Lucy Evans, Heidi Behling, Roy Lamphere - FairPoint Communications, Sue Waddington, Peter Nickerson, Jo Carpenter

Chairperson Stan Judge opened the meeting at 4:08 PM.

New Business

1. Meet with Roy Lamphere - FairPoint Communications - Easement

A copy of the proposed easement deed for the poles in the Town Forest - Shelburne Birches was reviewed. Stan suggested that wording similar to that used in the Time Warner franchise agreement about the cutting/trimming of trees be added. It refers to RSA 231:172. Mr. Lamphere said he had no problem adding this to the easement deed.

By consensus the Board agreed to sign the easement deed as amended. The deed was signed since the amendment will be added to the first page not the signing page. Mr. Lamphere will send the amended first page by e-mail.

2. Tabletop Exercise

Jo told the Board that Heidi Lawton, our Emergency Management field representative had contacted her about Shelburne participating in a tabletop exercise with Gorham, Gilead, Bethel and Hanover on the topic of a dam breach. The Board, Emergency Management, Fire & Police would all participate. This would be scheduled on March 7th or March 21st. Heidi will have more information soon.

The Board agreed to participate in the exercise.

Minutes

This item was tabled.

Sign

1. Voucher #38 for December 2008 was signed.
2. The Following PO's were signed:
 - NH Municipal Association - \$594.59 - 2009 Dues
 - LexisNexis Matthew Bender - \$366.13 - NH RSA subscription
 - Intuit - \$239.00 - Payroll subscription
 - Avitar - \$1,968.-- - 2009 software support
 - Primex - \$3,883.00 - @009 Workers Comp premium
 - Barrett Trucking Co, - \$2,368.35 - 33.32 tons of salt @ \$71.08/ton

- Munce's Superior - \$483.91 – kerosene – 196.3 gals. @ \$2.4639/gal
 - R.F. Pinkham - \$510.00 – building of new bulletin board
 - Darryl Bennett Plumbing & Heating - \$4,100.00 – purchase & installation of New furnace for Fire Dept. garage
 - PSNH - \$378.02 – December electric bills
 - Munce's Superior - \$1,195.43 – diesel – 630.2 gals @ \$1.8969/gal.
 - Town of Gorham PD - \$883.43 – 4th quarter dispatch
 - Sanel Auto Parts - \$22.47 – December supplies
 - AVRDD Mt. Carberry Landfill - \$452.92 – December tipping fee – 6.76 tons @ \$67.00/ton
3. 2009 Dispatch agreement with Gorham for \$3,509 was signed.
 4. 2009 Ambulance agreement with Gorham for \$ 113,483 was signed.

Correspondence

1. Portland Pipeline – Brochure - Petroleum Pipelines in your Community
2. NH Employment Security – Shelburne's 2008 Community Profile
3. North Country Council
 - Member Services Book
 - 2008 Annual Report
 - Report for Town Report
4. PSNH – Special Report – December Ice Storm 2008
5. NH Dept. of Revenue Administration – Technical Information Release – Storm Damage Cleanup
6. Local Government Center
 - Info on NHPR 2009 Interactive Town Meeting Map
 - Action Bulleting – Proposed changes to Current Use Assessment Ranges
 - Information on stimulus money
7. NHDES – Solid Waste Management Bureau – Transfer Station Inspection Report
8. Committee for Public Transportation in the North Country – Formation of Regional Coordinating Council for the North Country – 1/15/09 at North Country Council
9. Dept. of Revenue Administration – Ron Cote – Phone visit – 12/9/08
10. NH Dept. of Safety – Fees for Criminal History Records will increase 1/1/2009
11. CEDC Director's Reports for October, November & December
12. Primex – Recommendations for Use of Volunteers
13. Various newsletters, workshops & Magazines

Old Business

1. Noise Issue

A hearing has been scheduled for January 27th but both attorneys have asked that the date be rescheduled and the amount of time scheduled be increased. Attorney Safar has asked that Claremont & Gracienne Drouin be excused from the hearing because they are in Florida.

The Board had no problem with the rescheduling and increase in allotted time. They also agreed to the request that Claremont and Gracienne Drouin be excused.

Attorney Safar has asked for all Rav's test results under the right to know law. Attorney Frizzell states that Rav does not need to create any documents that do not already exist and to send all information to him and he will send it to Attorney Safar.

2. 2009 Budget - Meet with town Clerk Sue Waddington

Sue talked to the Board about becoming a municipal agent. She told the Board why she had not signed up for the program, which was initially the Board suggestion. She reported on Jo's call to Motor Vehicle and said that she might possibly be able to become a municipal agent in July.

Heidi Behling asked Sue if she is willing to become a municipal agent. Sue said that is willing but only if she is paid by the hour. She said that she has not been paid for all the hours she has worked. Sue said that she worked over 200+ hours over the time estimated that the job would and the estimate was what the salary was based on. She said that she worked 116+ hours over last year's estimate.

Heidi asked if Sue had talked to the Board about this before today. Sue said she had. It was noted that Sue's salary was increased last year and since the job had not been at the town office no one was really sure what it entailed.

Jo asked if Sue would like all three jobs paid hourly. Sue said that the way the Tax Collector's job is paid is not a problem.

Stan said that the Board knew that the transition from the farm to the office would be difficult but the knowledge that has been learned is valuable and the Board would like Sue to run for the position again He said the Board would be willing to have another meeting with Sue if she would like.

3. 2009 Budget - Meet with Fire Department - Peter Nickerson

Peter explained that he is filling for Tom during Tom's recuperation.

Lucy questioned the equipment budget. Peter said that he did not have a copy of the budget. Jo made copies of all the information (fire budget request, payroll info, Fire Equipment Capital Reserve request, and Fire Truck Capital Reserve request). The line item on equipment was reviewed and it was agreed that it seems reasonable.

The Board questioned way North Pac Mutual Aid and Hazmat Team is not in the budget. Peter said that he will have to look into that.

The money for support of the NHFRS software was addressed. The Board told Peter that they have learned that incidents are not being reported because information is not being given to Sue. Peter said he would look into that.

The Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve request was discussed. It was noted that a new Scott Air pack is requested. The Board asked how many the Department has. Peter said that they have six. The Board asked how many people are trained to use Scott Air Packs. Peter said that four or five people are trained. He said that some of the packs are getting old and need to be replaced. Peter said some of the tanks also need to be replaced.

Stan asked what the criteria are for replacing a unit. He asked if a replacement schedule exists. He said that he would like to see a replacement plan.

The Board asked what training is planned for 2009. Peter said that Andy and Jason are now working on training together. Lucy asked if they are working on a chart that will show what training each individual firefighter has completed. Peter said he thought that they were.

Peter told the Board that the Fire Department would like to buy a new truck next year. Stan suggested that the Fire Department needs to start a spreadsheet on the expected life of each truck they own. Stan suggested that the Department may have to purchase a later model truck (almost new) and work up to a new truck.

Stan then asked about installing fans at the Department to push the heat down from the ceiling. Peter said that the firefighters were concerned about being hit by the fans when they work on the trucks during meetings. Stan suggested that a switch be installed so the fans could be turned off when firefighters want to work on the tops of the trucks.

It was agreed that Peter will come to the next meeting with answers to the Board's questions.

4. Portland Pipeline - Tax Abatement

The Board reviewed a letter from Gary Roberge, Avitar Associates, for an amended valuation for Portland Pipe Line. He recommends that the valuation be dropped \$1,702,100. This will bring Portland Pipe Lines valuation to \$6,898,500. He recommends that the abatement be processed as soon as possible.

Jo presented the Board with the figures on the abatement that this lowering of the valuation will calculate to. The amount of the abatement will be \$24,765.56 and interest of \$150.63 is also owed.

By consensus the Board approved the abatement and signed the abatement form. The check will be sent out ASAP. Then we will wait to see if Portland Pipe Line accepts this valuation or files for further abatement since this is about 3/8 of their original request.

Other**1 Set Meeting Dates**

The next meeting was set for Thursday January 15th at 4:00 PM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.