

# SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

## December 16, 2009

Present: Lucy Evans, Heidi Behling, Ken Simonoko, Ray Danforth, Mike Cote, Mandy Cote, Jo Carpenter

The meeting opened at 4:05 PM.

### **Minutes**

This item was tabled.

### **Correspondence**

This item was tabled.

### **New Business**

#### 1. Mike Cote - Road Questions

Mike and Mandy Cote told the Board that they hope to purchase the Lary lot on Evans Road. They said that they have been told that since they will be the third home on the road that the road will have to be brought up to town standards and become a town road. Since they own a large portion of the road this would be a large expense for them.

Jo explained that the Selectmen do not consider accepting a road as a town road with less than three residences but just because there are three residences does not mean that it must become a town road. In fact, it can remain a private road indefinitely. Road Agent Ken Simonoko said that the town does not maintain or plow private roads. That is up to the residents on the road.

Mike Cote said that he does not want to be forced to bring the road up to town standards. Ray Danforth said that he is a former Planning Board member and private roads are allowed but they do need to be maintained so they are accessible to ambulances and fire vehicles. Ray suggested that Mike get a letter from the Board to summarize this meeting. Mike requested that he be sent a letter from the Selectpersons stating that he will not be forced to bring the road up to town road standards. The Board agreed to send the letter.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. Energy Report - Ray Danforth

Ray said that he wants to go over the findings in the report but does not want to give the report to the Board because there are grammatical corrections needed and a couple of other changes.

Ray said that the energy improvements recommended will cost about \$19,000. He said he hopes the Board will consider funding them all in this year's budget. Ray told the Board that the inspection discovered a serious problem in the crawl space under the buildings. Ray said that it is still wet under there and there is mold on the fire break wall and some of the beams. Ray said this needs to be addressed as a priority issue before it becomes really serious. Ray said that GDS recommends that the floor be leveled using sand or gravel. Then seal this with a layer of plastic and put crushed rock on top of that. They also suggested putting at least one sump pump and humidifiers in the basement area. They also suggested installing eaves on the building to move water away from the sides of the building.

Ken asked what the purpose of this report is. Ray said that the purpose is to use less energy and save money in the long run.

Ray said that he would like to see all the projects outlined in the report done next year including addressing the basement problem.

Ken said that he thinks we need a building plan that encompasses all town buildings. He said that we should hire someone to do this.

## 2. Mapping Contract Meeting

Jo told the Board that she has spoken to Chad Roberge from Terra-Map and he is available any day the first week in January at 4:00 PM. The Board agreed to meeting with him on Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

## 3. Health Insurance Increase

Jo told the Board that she has received official confirmation that Shelburne's not to exceed number is 15.3% not 15.92% as previously reported.

## **Sign**

1. Voucher #35 was signed.
2. Letters to the Trustees of Trust Funds authorizing the following transfers were signed:
  - \$112,504.36 from the Heavy Highway Capital Reserve Fund to cover part of the cost of purchasing and equipping a new plow truck
  - \$1,317.14 from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to cover the cost of Equipment purchased in 2009
  - \$208.83 from the Household Waste Expendable Trust to cover participation in 2009 Household Hazardous Waste Day

## **New Business (con't)**

### 2. Zoning Petition

Jo presented the Zoning Petition received on December 9<sup>th</sup> in a timely manner. Jo said that there are 35+ registered voters' signatures (25 are needed) as confirmed by Town Clerk Sue Waddington.

By consensus the Board accepted the petition as timely and instructed Jo to pass it on to the Planning Board to handle the Public hearing process.

### 3. Thank You - Gorham Police Department

A letter thanking the Gorham Police Department for their help during Constable Baker's illness was reviewed and signed.

### 4. 2010 Budget

The first draft of the 2010 budget as compiled by Jo was distributed. The Board will meet with Fire Chief Tom Hayes and Road Agent Ken Simonoko at their next meeting on Wednesday December 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

### 5. Financial Report

The Financial Report for November with some expenditures in December was reviewed. Things still look very good. Only a couple of lines are over expended but many are substantially under.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.