

SELECTPERSONS MINUTES

December 30, 2009

Present: Heidi Behling, Lucy Evans, Stan Judge, Ray Danforth, Tom Hayes, Bill Davenport, Jo Carpenter

Chairperson Stan Judge opened the meeting at 9:14 AM.

Minutes

This item was tabled.

New Business

1. Ray Danforth - 55 gallon Drums

Ray informed the Board that some 55 gallon drums filled with some type of liquid has been found on the New Page property in the culvert yard across from the Transfer Station. Ted had reported them to Ken and Ken had sent Ted to get them, but Ted did not touch them when he discovered that they were full. Ken talked to Ray about them and Ray reported this to Jo. He suggested that she notify the landowner, which she did. Jo told the Board that New Page said that the barrels would be taken care of properly.

Ray said that Ken had mentioned that people approach him for barrels to burn trash in. Ray said that this concerns him because this type of burning is illegal. The Board suggested that a letter be sent to residents reminding them that this type of burning is illegal. The reminder will also be sent by e-mail.

Ray said that he has also noticed several 55 gallon barrels near a house on Route 2. Ray suggested that perhaps these barrels should be watched for awhile.

Old Business

1. Energy Report

Ray informed the Board that most of the grammatical items have been cleaned up and there are a few other minor changes. He said the reports should be arriving soon. Stan asked if the Board members had been given copies. Ray said they had not. That he wanted to wait for the corrected report but there are copies that Stan can take.

2. Mapping Contract Meeting

Jo reminded the Board that they are scheduled to meet with Chad Roberge from Avitar Mapping on Wednesday January 6, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

3. Vacation Pay for Ken

Jo asked the Board if they are going to pay Ken for the 2 weeks vacation he did not take. The Board agreed to pay the vacation time this year but this will not always be the case and they will plan to talk to Ken seriously about taking time off and getting more help so he can take his vacation time.

4. Town Hall Loan Payoff

Jo informed the Board that there is a larger than anticipated surplus this year and she recommends paying the last payment on the town hall this year (tomorrow). The Board carefully reviewed the updated financial report and then agreed to Jo's suggestion to payoff the loan.

5. Letter to Mr. & Mrs. Mike Cote

The Board reviewed a draft letter to Mr. & Mrs. Cote assuring them that the Board would not require that Evans Street (or any street) must become a town road. The letter was approved and signed.

Sign

1. Voucher #36 was signed.
2. The following PO's were signed:
 - Bob Pinkham Fine Carpentry - \$1,785.64 - Library Project
 - Gorham Oil, Inc. - \$417.83 - heating oil - 167.2 gals @ \$2.699/ gal
 - FairPoint Communications - \$297.39 - December phone bills
 - Munce's Superior- 1199.8 gals - diesel -@ \$2.4732/ gal
3. Annual Inspection for Stormwater Plan was signed by Chair Stan Judge.

New Business (con't)

2. Budget - Fire Department

The Board reviewed the Fire Department budget with Fire Chief Tom Hayes and Assistant Chief Bill Davenport.

Several adjustments were made:

- Dues& Publications increased by \$100
- After much discussion HazMat team - \$350 was added
- Payroll decreased by \$1,000 even though Department is planning to do 2 training meetings a month instead of one.
- \$500 for training added into the budget

The Fire Department budget total is now \$17,810.

Jo asked about pump inspections this year. Tom said that they were not done because the company he had been using no longer does inspections. Tom said he believes that there is a company in St. Johnsbury that does these inspections.

Stan asked how many firefighters the Department now has. Jo said that she believes that they have 15 on the roster.

Tom asked if money the department brings in can be placed in a special fund. Jo said not initially but could be voted out of surplus into a capital reserve fund. Stan explained that the money is now used to lower the tax rate.

Assistant Chief made a presentation on purchasing a new pumper. Bill said that the officers have been holding discussions with Stan on the need to update equipment and have come to the conclusion that the Department should purchase a new vehicle.

Bill said that they have been working with several companies to get proposals for a new pumper. He said that they are also looking at leasing for 5, 7 or ten years. Some have a buyout at the end for as little as \$1.

Lucy asked what trucks the department would keep if a new vehicle is purchased. Bill said that they would still have the same number of vehicles – 2 pumpers, a tanker and a rescue vehicle. Bill said that they would keep the Ford and get rid of the Farrer.

Bill said that they have 1 quote for \$319,000 and 1 for \$193,000. Bill said that the \$193,000 truck seems to best meet the department's needs. Bill said it has a 5 passenger cab and a 1,500 gal tank.

Stan asked what the tank is made of. Bill said that he didn't know but would find out.

Tom told the Board that the representative from E-one said that there are grants out there. Stan suggested that E-one might help us apply for a grant. Bill said he will ask about that also.

Stan also suggested that Senator Shaheen and Greg be contacted about possible grants.

Bill and Tom left the meeting.

The Board discussed the purchase of a new pumper. Stan said that the Board needs to convince the Fire Department to make a long-term plan for vehicle purchases.

3. Canoe Launch Improvement

Jo told the Board that Dan Levin, a local canoeist, had stopped by and suggested putting some steel poles in the bank at the launch so canoeist would have something to hold onto when

getting in and out of their canoe. The Board liked the idea but will have to make sure it does not impact the Army Corps of Engineers project of river bank stabilization. This will be discussed further at a later time.

4. Financial Report

The report was reviewed and discussed in detail before approving the loan payoff. (See above)

5. Fire Mutual Aid Expendable Trust

Jo told the Board that this expendable trust was set up to cover the costs of other departments coming to Shelburne but for the past several years it has been used to cover Shelburne's expenses when they give mutual aid to another department. Jo said that she suggests that we must use it as it was originally intended. The Board agreed. The fund will be capped at a level to be determined later and then used to cover costs when another department serves Shelburne.

Correspondence

1. Green International Affiliates, Inc. – hydraulic analysis for bridges in Shelburne – will be updating flood maps – all built by state – Jo will call them.
2. NHMA – 2010 dues letter
3. North Country Council – dues letter & report for town report
4. PSNH – copy of 2009 *New Hampshire Economic Review*
5. Portland Natural Gas transmission – Annual Emergency Response Contact Information.
6. Motion for FairPoint to pay de minus property taxes
7. November Conservation Commission minutes
8. NHMA-PLT, LLC – change in coverage – rebounding devices now covered.
9. Mary Jo Landry – article on taxing Fair Point, Time Warner for using air space for lines. The Board agreed that they will watch developments with this case and talk to Avitar about it.
10. Executive Councilor Ray Burton – report on NH Operation Life Saver Committee
11. NH DOT – 2010 Highway Block Grant Aid – payment schedule – total \$14,064.42
12. Various workshops
13. Various newsletters

Other

- 1 Letter to Public Utilities Commission

Stan suggested that the Board write a letter to the Public Utilities Commission urging them to work with FairPoint to resolve issues and not to hinder them because NH really does not have many other options for phone service and Northern NH has few options for high speed internet.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM