

SELECTPERSONS MEETING

March 19, 2009

Present: Stan Judge, Lucy Evans, Heidi Behling, Ken Simonoko, Jo Carpenter

The meeting opened at 4:08 PM.

Election of Chairperson

Heidi Behling nominated Stan Judge as Chairperson. Lucy Evans seconded the nomination and Stan was unanimously elected.

Minutes

This item was tabled.

New Business

1. Ken Simonoko - New Plow Truck purchase

Road Agent Ken Simonoko said that he now has a firm price on the truck body of the new plow. The price is \$107,120.00 Ken said that this is \$2,000 less than the budget estimate. Ken said that he is planning to purchase the truck from the International dealership in Falmouth, Maine. He said this dealership is owned by the same people that own the Lewiston - Auburn dealership. He said Lewiston-Auburn will be closer to get parts from.

Ken said that the plow wing, sander, hydraulics etc. will cost about \$62,000.

Ken told the Board that the 93 plow truck will need a block heater and a cover for the dump body.

Ken recommends that the truck be ordered now so it can be built and there will be plenty of time to put the equipment (sander, plow, wing, etc.) on the truck. The Board signed the specs for the truck and by consensus authorized Ken to purchase the truck body for \$107,120.00. Ken said that he has a couple of things to verify, which will not affect the price. He will notify Jo when he is ready to fax in the order.

Sign

1. Vouchers #7 & #8 were signed.
2. The following PO's were signed:
 - AVRRODD Mt. Carberry Landfill - \$328.97 - 4.91 tons @ \$67.00/ton
 - Northern Human Service - \$379.00 - 2009 donation
 - Tri- County Action Program - \$300.00 - 2009 donation -fuel assistance program
 - North Country Council - \$464.10 - 2009 dues
 - Tri-County Action Program - \$360.00 2009 donation - Elderly programs
 - Munce's Superior - \$443.17 - kerosene - 208.7 gals @ \$2.1253/ gal

- FairPoint Communications - \$328.45 - February & March phone bills

Fire department request to purchase dress shirts and badge was tabled until the impact on the 2009 budget is determined.

3. Cemetery deed to David Wilson for a lot in the Leadmine Cemetery was signed.
4. 911 Liaison Verification Form was signed.
5. MS-2 was signed.
6. Fire Warden Appointments were signed.

Correspondence

1. NH Town Clerk Association - SB 99 voted inexpedient to legislate
2. Rodney & Debbie Hayes - Town Audit Report
3. Coos County Retired & Senior Volunteers Program - request to hold the 21st Wildman Biathlon on Saturday August 8th and to use the Town Garage on August 8th & 9th. The request was approved by consensus of the Board.
4. 2010 Census - address canvassing has begun & *Complete Count Committee Guide*
5. Antioch New England Institute - Selectpersons Institute to begin on April 25th
6. Berlin Planning Dept. - Notice of Public Hearing - Jericho Mountain Wind Farm
7. GRS Coop - copy of MS-22
8. Ray Burton - Executive Council Report on historic preservation
9. Society for the Protection of NH Forests - Forest Notes
10. Primex 3 Annual Conference to be held May 20th - 21st at the Mountain Washington Resort
11. McCormack/Whitco Memorials - cemetery restorations
12. NHMA - Governor to seek restoration of Meals & Rooms Revenues to Municipalities
13. Various Newsletters

Old Business

1. Noise Issue

The Board suggested that Jo see if a meeting can be set up to meet with Attorney Jon Frizzell at the Berlin office to prepare for the upcoming hearing on the Cease and Desist order

The information from Attorney Safar in answer to Attorney Jon Frizzell's discovery request was reviewed. It seems that Rav's testing methods and expertise will be under fire.

2. Meadows Bridge Update

A copy of Ray's semi-annual update to Save America's Treasures Grant & request for an extension was reviewed. The response granting the extension was also noted. The issue remains the future ownership of the bridge.

3. Electric Pole - Meadow Road

Stan explained the situation to the Board. Jay may have been given some misinformation by Rav through Rav's interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance . The Board suggested that Jo call Attorney Frizzell to discuss the situation. Jo needs to ask Attorney Frizzell if Rav did provide misinformation what can the Board do now. The Board also wants Jo to ask Attorney Frizzell if they can write a letter asking Jay not to install the electrical wires on the pole.

New Business (cont)

2. Financial Report

The February Financial Report was reviewed. It is still too early for any issues.

3. Solar Exemption

The Board reviewed John and Robin Henne's application for a solar hot water system. By consensus the Board approved the application.

4. Appointments

The Board approved and signed the following appointments:

- Ken Simonoko – Park Commission for 1 year
- Mary Jo Landry – Conservation Commission for 3 years
- G. David Carlisle – Conservation Commission for 3 years
- Marc Van Sant – Park Commission for 3 years
- Robert Corrigan – Park Commission for 3 years
- John Cosgriff – Deputy Treasurer for 1 year
- Kimberly Landry – Deputy Tax Collector for 1 year
- Jo Carpenter – Deputy Town Clerk for 1 year
- Roger Gagnon – Planning Board for 3 years
- C. Ann Leger – Planning Board for 3 years

5. Selectpersons' Committees

By consensus each member will stay on the committees they served on last year as follows

- Stan – Emergency Management Director, Budget Committee and Safety Committee
- Lucy – Welfare & Health Officer
- Heidi – Planning Board and Landfill Committee

Other

1. Dead Birches in the Shelburne Birches in Route 2 right of Way

Several complaints have been received about the dead birches in the road right of way. There is concern that they will break and fall onto a vehicle.

The Board asked Jo to send a letter to NH DOT District 1 Engineer Greg Placy asking him to cut these trees.

2. Our Town Energy Alliance

Both Jo and Stan suggested that the Town join this organization at a cost of \$65.00 and get a bid from them for the heating fuel for next winter. The Board agreed by consensus to do this. Jo will take care of joining.

3. Bill on Allowing Public Service to cut their right of ways indiscriminately

Stan said there is a bill before the legislature allowing PSNH to heavily cut their right of ways. Stan said that he feels this bill needs to be watched.

4. Conservation Commission Open House

Mary Jo Landry and John Gralenski stopped into the Selectpersons Meeting following the Conservation Commission Meeting to fill the Board in on their Open House on Saturday April 4th. They plan to have tables on Town Forest, Natural Resources, Androscoggin River, and Planning Board and would also like the Selectpersons to have a table on Town Government.

The Board decided that they would not have a table. They felt it would detract from the focus on the Conservation Commission and their goals.

5. Set Meeting Dates

The next meeting was set for Thursday April 2nd at 4:00 PM

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.