

SELECTPERSONS MEETING

March 2, 2009

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

The meeting opened at 4:05 PM

Minutes

This item was tabled.

Sign

1. Voucher #6 was signed.
2. The following PO's were signed:
 - Seventh Street Graphics - \$699.25 - town report printing
 - PSNH - \$412.26 - February electric bills
 - Munce's Superior - \$2,039.83 - diesel - 1,108 gals @ \$1.8410/gal
 - Galls, Inc. - \$360.96 - lights, switch for George's truck & pants for Luc

Correspondence

1. Conservation Commission Minutes - 2/19/09
2. LGC- HealthTrust - 65% of COBRA will be paid for under American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
3. NH Municipal Association - Membership meeting re=scheduled for March 11th at 9:30 AM
4. Sue Waddington - concern about SB99 - allowing dealerships to register cars and town portion would go to town where dealership is located. The Board agreed that Shelburne would lose money and asked Jo to write to Senator John Gallus asking him to oppose the bill.
5. Inflector Window Systems - Board felt too expensive at this time
6. Clean Air Cool Planet /Carbon Coalition n- Local energy use
7. PSNH - DVD - *Safety on the Line*
8. PSNH - Booklet - Record Outage Record Recovery
9. Various Workshops
10. Various Newsletters

New Business

1. Road Agent Ken Simonoko – Concern about People Placing Snow in the Roadway

Ken told the Board that with the amount of snow during February several citizens have plowed snow into the roadway and left it there. He said he understands their problem but there are two cases that he is particularly concerned about and would like to have the Board send a letter to them.

Frank Kukene placed so much snow in North Road that he blocked a whole lane. Lucy said that she had several complaints about this also. She said that she called the office and spoke to Sue since Jo was not in at the time. Sue called the police. Jo reported that Officer Tim Hayes spoke to Mrs. Kukene.

Ken suggested billing Mr. Kukene for the time it took him to clear the road with the backhoe. It was decided not to do this on a first offense but to send him a letter with the state statute and the town ordinance included. The town ordinance allows for a fine.

Ken said the second case that concerns him is Sunrise Drive across from the Eafрати house. Ken said that the ditch here had been plugged and water was flowing into the road and freezing. Ken said he had just spent a considerable amount of time fixing this problem but whoever plowed the Eafрати's driveway pushed the snow into the ditch and made the problem worse that ever so Ken had to do the work all over again.

It was agreed to send a letter to the Eafратис with the same enclosures.

2. Closing of the State Rest Area

It has been learned that the Shelburne State Rest area is on a list of rest areas to be closed as cost saving measures. The Board agreed that they want to send a letter to the NH DOT Commissioner with copies to NH DOT District 1 Engineer Greg Placy, Executive Councilor Ray Burton, and Governor John Lynch expressing their concern about this possibility. They asked Jo to compose a letter stressing that this is an entrance into the state from Maine and there are few other rest areas along Route 2 in Maine. Many people stop for information and truckers use this area frequently to sleep and use the toilets. Therefore this would be a bad decision if the state is pushing for Coos County to be a tourist destination. The Board also wants the septic system fixed and the porta-potties removed.

3. Cross Border Tabletop Exercise

The tabletop exercise scheduled for March 21st has been cancelled. The state has no money for participation of OEM personnel.

4. Plan for Town Meeting

The Board decided not to speak on each article or assign someone to each article. They decided that they will answer questions as they arise and have the most knowledgeable person speak. They did ask Ken and Jo to be prepared to answer questions on the proposed purchase of the new plow truck.

5. Policy on Return to Duty After a Serious Illness or Surgery

Jo told the Board that the recent heart problem that a firefighter had made her realize that the town does not have a good personnel policy on return to duty/work following a serious illness. A discussion followed on this topic.

Heidi Behling made a motion to amend the town's personnel policies to include the following: Any employee who has an infectious disease or an illness that requires hospitalization and/or surgery must receive a written release from their doctor before they will be allowed to return to work. This motion was seconded by Lucy Evans and passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Drouin Noise Issue

The Board reviewed a letter from Attorney Jon Frizzell. The letter reminded the Board of the Court date of April 7th and suggested that he meet with Rav, Stan and Jo before the hearing to prepare. Jon asked if the Board felt this could be done by phone or if it should be done face to face.

The Board agreed that it should be done face to face and suggested that perhaps it can be done at a time when Jon will be in the Berlin office. Jo will work out the details.

The Board suggested that Jo contact Roger and Debbie Gagnon about the date, time and place of the hearing.

2. Board of Tax and Land Appeal – Androscoggin Valley Country Club

Jo reminded the Board that this hearing is scheduled for 9 AM on April 8th and the Shelburne and Gorham cases seemed to have been combined.

The Board asked Jo to stay in touch with Gary Roberge from Avitar Associates, who will be representing Shelburne in this matter. The Board also asked Jo to inquire about how long it will take to receive a decision in this matter.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.