

SELECTPERSONS MEETING

October 14, 2008

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

Chairperson Stan Judge opened the meeting at 4:11 PM.

Minutes

Lucy Evans made a motion to accept the minutes of 7/16/08 as amended - various typos. This motion was seconded by Heidi Behling and passed unanimously.

Heidi Behling made a motion to accept the minutes of 7/23/08 as written. This motion was seconded by Lucy Evans and passed unanimously.

Sign

1. Vouchers #27 & #28 were signed.
2. The following PO's were signed:
 - Sanel Auto Parts - \$453.04 - Sept. Highway supplies
 - AVRDD Mt. Carberry Landfill - \$623.10 - Sept. tipping fee - 9.3 tons @ \$67.00/ton
 - Northern Paving & Construction - \$1,474.90 - paving Losier Road
3. Intent to Cut - Timothy & James Hayes

Correspondence

1. John Carpenter - letter - Fair Point Communications line proposal
2. Office of Planning & Energy - Stay Warn NH - a winter Initiative
3. AD Hoc Committee - 3 options for the Fair Point pole layout

Old Business

1. Noise Issue

Letters to Attorney Safar and the Gorham District Court from Attorney Jon Frizzell on the filing of the Cease and Desist Order were reviewed. The Board will now wait to see what the response is.

2. Golf Course - BTLA

We have received a 2,000+ bill from Avitar that indicated Gary Roberge has been working on reports to file with the BTLA. Jo will call Gary to find out exactly what is going on.

3. Fair Point Communication – Upgrade of lines on Route 2 to fiber optic cable

Stan Judge said that he was not happy with yesterday's meeting with Fair Point. He said that he would have preferred to have a face to face meeting between Fair Point and the Board of Selectpersons first before having a public meeting, as was the case with Time Warner cable. He said that he felt Fair Point played to the audience.

Stan said that the walk of the proposed layout following the meeting went resulted in a few minor changes that met some of the options of the ad hoc committee. He said that the ad hoc committee has now accepted the fact that the fiber optic line can not go through the woods.

Fair Point agreed to pay to bury the line at Shadow Pool if a wetlands permit can be obtained. Fair Point would not agree to bury the line at the Mt. Washington Bed & Breakfast and they said if the line is buried they do not want to bury it in the right of way. They would want it buried in the field. They explained that it would be more expensive to bury it and that cost would have to be passed onto the ratepayers which the Public Utilities Commission would not allow. They did agree to make provisions so that the line could be buried in the future if someone else will agree to pay for it. The cost would also include the removal of the poles and wires. Fair Point agreed to provide an estimate of those costs.

Stan said Fair Point will bury the cable as it goes by the T&C because of the tightness of the right of way. They view this as a safety issue.

Stan said that there are still two questions he would like to ask Fair Point before the Board gives its approval. The first is to ask them to not allow anyone else on their poles. The second is to ask them to bury the line in the Memorial Forest. The Board agreed to give their approval even if the answer to both questions is "no".

Heidi Behling made a motion that since the Board of Selectpersons is convinced of the value of broadband service and the upgrading to the telephone service to citizens; while recognizing the importance of the Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance, safety of the citizens, increase in value of property, growth potential for the town, importance to business and considering input from the ad hoc committee and various citizens; the Board approves the upgrade proposal by Fair Point to include new poles to hold fiber optic cable and 2 new switching boxes. This motion was seconded by Lucy Evans and passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Fuel Bid

After a review of the town's finances, the Board agreed by consensus to accept the cost plus option for purchasing heating oil, diesel, kerosene and propane from Muncie's Superior.

2. 2009 Budget

Raises

At this time the Board is considering not giving raises.

Other Issues

Library computers & possible renovations
18 month fuel budget
new copier

3. Set Meeting Dates

The next meeting was set for October 28, 2008 at 4:00 PM at the Town Office

Other

1. Peabody Cemetery Lots

Glenn and Janet Peabody would like to sell 3 cemetery lots back to the town. Jo said that they would be paid what they originally paid for them. She said that the Cemetery Trustees are in favor of this happening. Jo said she just need to consult with Ray Danforth because part of the money for the sale went into the Cemetery Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund so some of the money to pay for the lots should come from this fund.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.