

SELECTPERSONS MEETING

November 19, 2008

Present: Stan Judge, Lucy Evans, Heidi Behling, Leona Deschenes, Jo Carpenter – 6:00 PM Kevin Shea – Fair Point, Kate Bailey – Public Utilities Commission, Lance Bolin – Time Warner, Greg Placy & Brian Schott, NH DOT-District 1

Chairperson Stan Judge opened the meeting at 4:01 PM.

Non Public Session

Lucy Evans made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3IIc at 4:02 PM to discuss at tax matter. This motion was seconded by Heidi Behling. The Board was polled with all members voting in favor of the motion.

Lucy Evans made a motion to leave non public session at 4:48 PM. This motion was seconded by Heidi Behling and passed unanimously.

No action was taken in non public session.

Minutes

Lucy Evans made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/13/08 as amended – various typos. This motion was seconded by Heidi Behling and passed unanimously.

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Sign

1. The tax Oath and acknowledgement of the tax rate was signed by the Board and notarized by Jo Carpenter. This seems to be new this year.

Correspondence

1. US Dept. of Agriculture – Community Facility Loan and Grant Application - January 20th deadline – Workshop December 3rd at Weeks Memorial Library in Lancaster
2. American Red Cross – Request for funding for 2009.
3. Homeland Security and Emergency – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program requesting Letters of Intent.
4. Local Government Center - - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers – need to receive special training to qualify – will then receive liability & workers comp coverage.

5. Susan Waddington – Tax Collector – Copy of correspondence sent to the Board of Land & Tax Appeal about the date tax bills was mailed.
6. Various newsletters

Old Business

1. Noise Issue

No word has been received about a hearing and Attorney Jon Frizzell has been on vacation. If Jo has not heard anything she will call after Thanksgiving.

2. Fair Point – Letter

A draft letter was reviewed and edited by the Board. . By consensus it was decided to wait until after tonight’s meeting to complete the final editing of the letter.

New Business

1. Veteran’s Exemption

Bill Healy’s Veteran’s Exemption application was reviewed and approved.

2. Town Clerk Options

Jo informed the Board that the Town Clerk will no longer be receiving the pre-printed motor vehicle registrations. There seem to be three options available: 1. Type all the registrations 2. Buy a program such as Avitar’s town clerk module to do the work or 3. Become a municipal agent

For now Sue is planning to type the registrations and will investigate the other options.

3. Sevee & Maher – Update Stormwater Plan

Kristie Rabasca estimates the cost will be between - \$1,500 and \$2,300. This needs to be done before we submit a notice of Intent to the EPA, which is due no later than January 5, 2009.

By consensus the Board accepted Sevee & Maher’s proposal to update the Stormwater Prevention Plan.

4. Tax Abatement

A tax abatement for the second half tax bill of \$35.00 was granted to the estate of Estelle Gagne because she passed away in June and the trailer was removed from the White Birches Campground in June.

5. Financial Report

The financial report for October was reviewed. Legal Expense, Revaluation of Property and Insurance are overspent but everything else looks OK at this time.

6. Meeting with representatives from Fair Point, Time Warner and the Public Utilities Commission.

Kevin Shea, Fair Point, gave the Board a sheet entitled – FairPoint Communications Network Improvement Plan for Shelburne NH. This handout gave an overview of the project and the listed the benefits to the community. It was pointed out that the town does not plan to pay to bury the cable in the area of the Mt. Washington Inn. Kevin said he will not use this sheet as a handout at the Informational meeting.

The layout of the cable along Route 2 was reviewed. The latest changes in the Shelburne Birches were noted. The need for the cable was explained by Kevin Shea and substantiated by Kate Bailey. Fair Point must have outages repaired within so many hours or face fines. This was not the case with Verizon. The requirement did exist but there were no penalties so it was ignored.

Time Warner said that they plan to use the same route as Fair Point.

Kevin Shea said that the target date for DSL is July4, 2009.

The Board recessed their meeting to attend the Informational Meeting with the Public Utilities Commission at 7:08 PM.

The Board reconvened their meeting at 9:00 PM

Kevin Shea said that it seems from the comments at the Informational Meeting that there is opposition to parts of the route of the project. He asked the Board where they want to go with that.

Stan said that he feels in light of the importance of high speed internet to the future of Shelburne he feels that the Board must approve the project in spite of the opposition. He said the Ad Hoc Committee has worked with Fair Point and several problem areas have been worked out. The rest of the Board members agreed with Stan and reaffirmed their approval voted in October.

Greg Placy said that in light of the Selectpersons approval, NH DOT will grant a permit for the project.

The Wetlands Permit for Reflection Pond was discussed. Jo gave Kevin Shea, Lance Bolin and Greg Placy a copy of Ray Danforth's e-mail. Kevin Shea said that Leo Wallin will be Ray's contact from Fair Point.

Greg Placy said that NH DOT will have to sign the wetlands permit. Kevin Shea said Fair Point will pay the fees associated with the permit.

There was some interest about private parties burying the conduit in the area of the Mt. Washington Inn. Kevin Shea said that he will get the specs for burying the line in this area.

7. Set Meeting Dates

This next meeting was set for December 2, 2008 at 4:00 PM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.