

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
September 4, 2007

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Willis Lord, John Kustron, John Champion, Pam L'Heureux, Ruth Blake, Bob Gobeil, Jason L'Heureux and Clint Andrews

Meeting called to at 7:02 p.m. by Selectman Abbott with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 - John Kustron explained the due to serious water problems at the Lion's Medical Building they will be installing piping in the basement below the floor to a sump pump tank which will have a battery backup and an alarm. The cost will be approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000. They will also be installing vinyl flooring. Coastal Water Proofing c Scarborough will be doing the work and then Guillmette's will install the flooring. From start to finish should only take about a month but will be a bit disruptive to all the activities that take place in the building. Selectman Abbott stated that they have done a marvelous job caring for and improving the building since they took it over.

7:15 - Fred Fay is getting the quotes refreshed for the plow for the tractor as they are about a year old so will move to next week.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

Ruth Blake, Librarian questioned why the Purchase Order for the sign for the new library location was not approved. Selectman Girard state that they felt the price was rather excessive to be coming from the building fund. Selectman Grover stated that they questioned also if a sign should even come from the building fund. Selectman Girard requested that they get quotes from others so they can compare cost and Ruth agreed to get a couple more quotes.

Pam L'Heureux reported that this is National Preparedness Month, if anyone has questions regarding preparedness they can contact her. She will have handouts for the BBQ.

REPORTS

A) Town Administrator

1. Nancy out so no report

Selectmen's Report

1. Selectman Girard explained that she had spoken with a citizen today about a tax collection notices. Stated that they Assessor had the correct information but the tax collector did not. Will address with Nancy when she returns.
2. Selectman Abbott reported that Jerry is still doing reviews so not sure when the tax bills will be ready to go out.

Committee Reports

2. Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Girard to add the election of a chairman pro tempore for next week under Other. Vote 4-0-0.

Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to schedule a public hearing for 7 pm on September 18th for changes to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board Fees. Vote 4-0-0.

Discussed holding a workshop with the Land Trust and Selectman Abbott suggested attending the Land Trust Meeting on September 26th instead of having them come out for a Tuesday night. Will probably only take the first half hour. Will be arranged.

Discussed outstanding rescue billing fees and Selectman Abbott noted that it is currently at about \$190,000. Stated that a few years ago about \$38,000 was written off but not sure why. Need to schedule a meeting with Matt, Lisa, Julie, the Board of Selectmen and someone from the billing company to understand what is even collectible. Selectman Grover suggested contacting a collection agency to see what we can collect and Selectman Girard state that she believes Matt has already contacted a collection agency and they would do it for a percentage of what they collect. Selectman Moore suggested including the Finance Committee in this meeting. Selectman Grover expressed concern for those who can not pay if sent to a collection agency. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to meet on September 25th at 7 pm and include Matt, Lisa, Julie, Finance Committee, Nancy and the Board of Selectmen. Vote 4-0-0.

Discussed the request from Matt Bors to cut some trees around the Fire Station that are causing ice backup towards the rear of the building as well as some mildew on the outside vinyl siding. Selectman Abbott suggested that they all go take a look at what the problems are and what Matt wants to do. Selectman Grover suggested Sept. 25th at 6:30 at the Fire Station. Felt that the Road Commissioner should also be included in this meeting. Willis suggested getting some Boy Scouts to do some thinning and trimming on the Old Alfred Road side of the property as it has really grown over.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the recommended change to the General Purpose Zone. Vote 4-0-0.

OTHER

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to accept the minutes of 8/28/07 as written. Vote 3-0-1 with Selectman Abbott abstaining as he was not present.

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Girard to elect Selectman

Grover as Chairman Pro Tempore for next week. Vote 4-0-0.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

- Road Commissioner as an appointment for the plow for the tractor.
- Job Description for Town Planner under New Business
- Mower bids
- Schedule meeting with Finance Committee - Workshop #2
- Schedule workshop to develop committee guidelines and amend By-Laws

HEARING OF DELEGATION

Bonnie Wickham presented pictures of the fence at Sullies showing it not completely painted and also jersey barriers that have peeling paint. Stated that she contacted the CEO in July but she has not responded. Did sign papers to put her house on the market but the agent is concerned that it will not sell because of the appearance of the fence etc. Asked the board to come up with guidelines to protect the neighborhood. Selectman Girard stated that she spoke with Jane and she is working on a sound board for the smoking area and putting a roof over it to try and muffle any noise coming from that area. Will be following up on that as well as the issues brought up this evening

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Selectmen Moore and seconded by Selectmen Grover to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.
Vote 4-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll
Minutes of 8/28/07

APPROVED:

Date: _____
