

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 5, 2008

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Dep. Sanborn, Deb Eisenhauer and Bob Gobeil.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Abbott announced that Fuel Assistance is here on Wednesday but that you need to make your appointment through York County Community Action in advance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussed signs placed around town and Selectman Grover stated that he thought it was the Code Enforcement Office but was directed to the Road Commissioner so feels there is confusion but they need to come down. Explained that a lot are in the town right of way. Selectman Gale stated that we could require them to register with the town. Selectman Grover stated that the state got rid of billboards and this is the same thing. Selectman Abbott noted that directional signs should be allowed within a municipality only. Suggested that they sit down and look at what is currently on the books and bring in Fred, Patti, Sean and Matt and look at enforcing this. They are looking to avoid private advertising. Selectman Gale suggested we bring them in as an appointment. Requested to have a copy of the ordinances and state law on political signs.
2. Discussed the parking issues at Old Home Days and Dep. Sanborn suggested posting on one side of the road. Discussed temporary or permanent signs. Need to look at the parking ordinance. Sean also suggested that they post blind spots. Selectman Abbott suggested that the committee look at parking issues during the planning aspect. Selectman Girard noted that they could post on one side under Title 29-A so we don't have to change our ordinance. Dep. Sanborn suggested that they have a couple tow operators at the fireworks.
3. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the annual Water District Agreement as written. Vote 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. As Fred is not present agreed to bring back next week the request from the ATV Club to purchase gravel from the town and access their trail over town property.
2. Agreed to hold a workshop next Tuesday at 6 pm to work on the Town Administrator's evaluation.
3. As Fred is not present agreed to bring back next week the discussion on the ditch at Friendship Park.
4. Discussed the Tax Title Property Ordinance and noted that Ken Cole has offered to rewrite it for us. Selectman Abbott suggested sending a letter to the owner of the trailer park explaining where we are at in the process. Selectman Grover requested in writing from Natalie why this is not an emergency.
5. Selectman Abbott listed the items that have been considered for the Special Town Meeting which are West Road Project, Fire Chief's vehicle, Tax Assessor funding and fire pond. Selectman Gale suggested not putting the vehicle on a special tow meeting, can keep on the road and safe until the annual town meeting. Selectman Moore stated that the Finance Committee members felt very strongly that this should be handled in an annual. Selectman Grover stated that with the financial difficulty this year they should think twice about spending money on the vehicle and the road project. Selectman Abbott stated that this is a critical feeder road and we have an opportunity to get a large portion of the funding. Discussed bonding and also discussed needing funds next year for work on the Goodwins Mills Road. Discussed having the Road Review Committee meet the Selectmen at South Station at 7:00. Selectman Girard noted that she thought the Selectmen were

participating in the Road Review Meeting to look at how they come up with their list, to find out if they have plans for any state aid roads etc. Selectman Gale recommended going forward only with the West Road Project and all agreed. Will find out if the Road Review Committee will meet with the Selectmen at South Station at 7 pm.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the minutes of 8/5/08 as written. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Moore abstaining.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Tax Title Property discussion
2. Friendship Park request
3. Sign enforcement
4. Library roof
5. Scooter Way
6. Executive Session at 6:00 – Town Administrator’s evaluation
7. Executive Session at 6:30
8. Municipal Parking Lot Snowplow bids
9. Requests from ATV Club

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll

1. Minutes of 8/5/08

APPROVED:

Date: _____
