

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2015

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees included Margo Santoro, Selectman, Selectman Chairman, John Halter, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 – Ellen Mason – Tax deeding – Ellen went through the outstanding properties that owe 2011 taxes which, by statute, must be tax sale deeded. There are 10 properties that are due to be sold. The Selectmen approved waiver of deed for 3 of those properties as the owners have been working with the board and the tax collector on the taxes. The remaining 7 properties will be tax deeded.

7:15 – Jane McDermott – Tax issue – sat in on the discussion with the Tax Collector.

7:20 – Pat & Kim Stack – Class VI Road Issue Mr. Stack presented the results of research by Ed Rodgers concerning Log Cabin Road. He presented minutes from the 1845 Town Meeting where Log Cabin Road was laid out. There is no evidence that the road has ever been discontinued, at any Town Meeting. Jim Coffey reported that he has spoken with Paul Newman, treasurer and past president of Merriewoode Village, Inc. as has Mr. Stack. George Chicoine also reported that he has come across Mr. Newman during Snowmobiling trips. The board decided to send a letter to Merriewoode requiring any and all barricades be removed from blocking Log Cabin Road. The Selectmen will sign the letter.

7:45 – George Chicoine – Valley Road Maintenance Discussion – George Chicoine reported on the culvert at the very end of Valley Road. He reported that he had cleaned out that culvert and left the dirt for the land owner to use. The land owner filled the culvert back in so Mr. Chicoine went back and cleaned out the culvert again and removed the dirt. He noted that Mr. Baldwin feels he owns the end of the road.

George Chicoine reported that the cost to replace the 10" steel culvert with a 12" plastic culvert and put a tri-axel load of fill over it will be \$1,650. The board approved this repair, to be done in the fall. Mr. Chicoine also explained his plans to rake the road, adding a hard pack topping during that process.

8:00 – Harry Power – building permits –

1. Tax Map # 108, Lot # 5 – Brian and Mary Wakeman – 24' X 24' garage to replace a shack – approved.

2. Tax Map # 102, Lot # 35 – 38 – Maryellen Murphy – 10' X 24' shed – approved.

Harry Power also reported that he had visited the Gordon Jennison property on Old Antrim Road and displayed the pictures he had taken. There is a long way to go to have the conditions cleaned up.

Harry also reviewed the list of 16 items that Ben & Tanya Wilder propose to remove from the Ken Holland property. There are many more that need to be removed and Harry will visit the property and make a list of all the rest that have to go.

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Steve McGerty asked about the board investigating a new law firm to represent the town. The issue was discussed about 6 months ago. General discussion concluded that the board should phase out Bradley & Faulkner and start using Matt Serge for day to day issues and Jim Coffey will ask if there is a para-legal that does their deeding and

"grunt" work. It was agreed that for serious legal action the Board will use Jeff Spear, who has handled thorny legal problems in the past.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. 1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. 2. P/R Manifest
3. 3. DRA Form PA-16, Application for Reimbursement to Towns and Cities in Which Federal and State Forest Land is situated.
4. 4. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of 6/8/2015
5. 5. Pistol Permits (5)
6. 6. 2016 Tax Map Updates & Street Numbering – contract with Cartographics for the maintenance of Tax Maps.
7. 7. Cemetery Deeds (6)
8. All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 1. Letter from DRA relative to RSA 32:11, authorizing up to \$41,000 to be used from the Unassigned Fund Balance to offset legal fees. Jim Coffey reported that this will be workable for the current fiscal year.
2. 2. Discuss possible need for procedures relating to the mounting of radios and other special items on privately owned vehicles. The Fire Department will be asked to draft a policy.
3. 3. Notice from DES that no violation existed at 2545 Valley Road – the DES had received a complaint on violations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Notice from DES of an application for an Individual Sewage Disposal System and need for additional information. Need to discuss procedures. Jim Coffey asked if the Board wanted to review these notices or just give a copy to Harry Power and put the original in the property record file. It was agreed to file the notice with a copy to Harry Power – which the Administrative Assistant reported she is doing now.
2. Proposal from Lane Construction for paving on Shedd Hill Road. The bid is for \$47,000.00 to finish the paving project on Shedd Hill Road – the Board approved.
3. Irving Heating Fuel Agreements for 2015-2016. \$1.440 for Propane (2,000 gal) and \$2.522 for Heating Oil (2,800) – Jim Coffey signed the contracts and the Board was pleased with the prices.
4. DES Motor Vehicle Salvage Yard Questionnaire, as submitted by Town Administrator. Jim Coffey went over the questionnaire and the answers he submitted to the State.
5. Margo Santoro inquired into the legal name of Mill or Mills Road, off Old Forest Road. Jim Coffey will check the E911 maps to see what is listed. There was further discussion on establishing a project to check out confusing road names (Old Forest Road being in two different areas of town) and have the Selectmen change all of them at the same time.

6. Met with Randy Elliott, who submitted forms for a disability exemption on his property. He agreed to start working on bringing his taxes up to current.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

4. 1. Permit by Notification from District IV, DOT, for culvert work on Route 123 at the junction
5. 2. Permit by Notification from the Hidden Lake Association, for culvert replacement on Wood Lot Lane, about 469 feet from Tigola Trail.
6. 3. CDC Health Advisory for "Middle East Respiratory Syndrome." – a copy was supplied to Margo Santoro to give to Alan Merrill, Rescue Captain.
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ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Margo Santoro seconded to adjourn at 9:23, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Margo Santoro John Halter Stephen McGerty

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