

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF 4-4-2011

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April 4, 2011

The meeting opened at 7:01 P.M., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:05 Chairman Holland opened the hearing for the Sweetwater Trust Dam Hearing

The purpose of the hearing was a requirement that a public hearing must be held if the water level of a body of water impounded by a dam is to be lowered, for other than annual seasonal maintenance. This hearing is required before repairs can commence on the dam owned by the Sweetwater Trust.

Eve Endicott of the Sweetwater Trust explained the nature of the repairs, which consisted mainly of the replacement of the spillway pipe along with bush removal and other related items.

In response to questions from Carol Briere and John Lightbody, it was explained that the depth of the pond was almost 8-10 feet and that the pond covered about 52 acres.

Selectman Halter asked about the spillway pipe and it was explained that the replacement pipe would be plastic and can be inserted into the existing pipe since it has excess capacity. Ms. Endicott explained that the DES Dam Bureau will be approving the plan from the Trust's engineer. It was also explained that the work would be done during the "dry season" and would take about one month to complete.

7:14 Hearing was closed by Chairman Holland

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

7:14 Harry Power: Mr. Power explained that Mr. Mike's planned work will need Planning Board site plan review, but not another hearing before the ZBA, according to Beth Fernald, the Town's attorney. The site plan review expires after one year, but no the ZBA approval.

Mr. Power then mentioned the need to update building permit fees and suggested the following:

New Dwellings:	\$500
Additions	\$350

Sheds & Decks <350	\$250
Sheds & Decks >350	\$150

Selectmen Halter asked about expired permits and Mr. Power suggested that the permit could be reinstated for one-half the original amount.

7:55 Chief Lamothe discussed the Gould House with the Board and her comments are contained in the letter she wrote dated April 4, 2011. Letter attached to these minutes. The letter states that the project can go forward, but must stay within the scope of the proposed project.

Chief Lamothe then informed the Board that physicals for Fire Department members could be done for \$125 per person, not the \$800 each original proposed. This item and Hepatitis B shots will be included in the personnel administration budget. Jim Coffey will look into the need for a blood box.

Mr. Power asked who authorized a \$10,000 public safety building study. Chief Lamothe explained that we went off the CIP and will be looking for grants to cover the costs. Dick Briere asked about their present plan and Chief Lamothe responded that it is four years old.

The report from engineer Stephen Tarbox relative to the structural integrity of the present fire station was discussed. There was concern that Mr. Tarbox is suggesting that the next step is for him to design a fix for reinforcing the wall in question but it is believe that his present contract and scope of work should have provided that information. Chairman Holland suggested that we write Mr. Tarbox stating that we believe that the job is not finished. There was a suggestion that we should contact another engineer if we have to pay more. Mr. Power suggested Thayer Fellows. It was also set that the Fire Station will have a repair article for \$25,000.

8:50 Selectman Halter, seconded by Chairman Halter moved to adjourn. The motion was passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted

James Coffey, Administrator

Approved

Sandra L. Holland, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

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John D. Halter