



Town of Piermont

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Board of Selectmen Work Session Minutes of Meeting May 15, 2014 at 7:30 AM

Present: Chairman, Colin Stubbings; Selectmen, Robert Lang, Ernie Hartley; Road Agent, Frank Rodimon; Police Chief, Robert Garvin.

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7.37 am and stated that it was being recorded for the purpose of accurate minutes only.

Frank Rodimon stated that we do not have an account at Central Supply and we need to pay for items collected yesterday and to return a part, Selectman Lang stated he would do so. Frank indicated what was to happen at the Piermont Veterans Memorial Garden before Memorial Day. He stated he needed to work on the paperwork for the access over Stacey Thomson's for the water supply. The department was continuing to work on the roads.

There was a discussion on a statement made by the Town Clerk, Bernadette Ratel, from the meeting the previous evening, that she did not receive envelopes timely. Bernadette had also indicated that some envelopes containing items for her had remained in the inventory pile and were not given to her for some time after. Selectman Hartley asked if the records for the property we had discussed last week had been found and Selectman Lang checked the cabinet and found it to be unlocked and that record still not returned. It was noted from the office that items appeared not be filed timely.

Selectman Lang asked if the Auditors had received everything they needed when they arrived yesterday for their initial visit. Chairman Stubbings said they had and proceeded to give an overview of his discussions with them and in particular the review of the 2012 Management Letter. He further stated he would email Erica Lussier of Melanson Heath, the Town's Auditors to ensure that there was nothing else required of the Town yet.

Chairman Stubbings had reviewed the Orford Town Report for 2012 and an explanation of the costs for the Beach Monitor would be useful. Chairman Stubbings stated that the procedure needed to be discussed with Orford. He stated a draft letter would be available for discussion at the next BOS meeting. He further stated he hoped the draft letter for the Barton Road overrun claim would also be done by then.

An invitation to the Grafton County Open Barn Day, dedicated to the memory of Ray Burton, on Saturday, June 7, 2014, 10 am to 2pm has been received.

Selectman Hartley explained what had been discussed with Steven Schmidt of the USDA regarding the furniture that was being supplied, at no cost to the Town, for the Town Clerk's office. It would appear that there may be some problems and Schmidt was asked for pictures to be supplied so we could review.

It was reminded that there had been some large expenditure that had not been encumbered at year end that had been received and that the Board needed to ensure we did not overspend the Budget. Selectman Hartley stated that the siding on the Old Church Building should be done in the summer months together with the other planned building maintenance. Selectman Hartley stated that the Fire Department wanted the Town to hire a contractor to do the remedial work on their building to stop water ingress rather than doing it themselves. He said that Tim Cole had dug the material away last year but it was too late to do the work and it had to be refilled.

There was a brief discussion on the meeting held with the elected Town Clerk, Bernadette Ratel and appointed Deputy, Nancy Cole the evening before. The statement that Nancy had resigned and that they were open 16 hours a week was discussed in more depth.

Chief Garvin stated he had spoken with the resident who he had been trying to have Tara Turcogorge review their livestock for possible animal cruelty and that they have said they are willing to have her attend. He advised the Board that the Kindergarten children were visiting him today.

Selectmen Lang and Hartley stated that they were not proposing to speak at the Memorial Day Observances.

Chairman Stubbings asked about the Boston Cane and if Selectman Lang would obtain it back so that it could be passed to the next resident. Selectman Lang believes that Helga Mueller had received it but would check further.

There was some discussion on outstanding Property Taxes.

Selectman Lang motioned to approve the minutes of May 8, 2014, Work Session Minutes as written. This was seconded by Selectman Hartley. Motion passed (3-0).

A motion to enter Non-Public was made by Selectman Lang and seconded by Selectman Hartley. Motion passed 3-0 and the Board entered Non-Public at 9.15 am. The minutes of the Non-Public were sealed in the meeting.

At 9.37 am Selectman Lang motioned to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's Work Session, this was seconded by Selectman Hartley. The vote passed (3-0).

Respectfully submitted
Colin Stubbings
Chairman