



Town of Piermont

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Board of Selectmen Work Session Minutes of Meeting June 26, 2014 at 7:30 AM

Present: Chairman, Colin Stubbings; Selectman, Robert Lang; Executive Assistant, Jennifer Collins; Road Agent, Frank Rodimon.

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7.41 am and stated that it was being recorded for the purpose of accurate minutes only.

Chairman Stubbings stated he had accidentally deleted all the minutes he had worked upon and was in process of restoring those that had been backed up and was redoing those that had not.

There was a discussion on the utility poles in town. Selectman Lang was going to visit PSNH at Haverhill and see if they could help with the number of poles that they have. Chairman Stubbings asked the Executive Assistant, Jennifer Collins, whether she had found any information regarding the pole numbers for Fairpoint yet. Collins stated that she had not. The quantity from Avitar was an estimate.

Stubbings stated he had spoken with Helga Mueller, Planning Board Secretary, regarding Stacey Thomson 's Bond. She had spoken with Poulos Insurance on the matter and that it is a rolling two year bond and that the Town is the only entity that can sign off on its completion. Mueller stated that Peter Labounty, Chairman of the Planning Board, was happy with the explanation and would be signing the approval of the permit, previously conditionally approved, this week. The Board should now be able to approve the Intent to Excavate. Stubbings stated that the Planning Board is reviewing the values for the Bonds required on excavations.

Del Pozzo had advised the Executive Assistant that a check for the bid amount on the Town property he had won would be sent in the mail to the Town this day.

A discussion on the Indian Pond Bridge was had and Chairman Stubbings will reply to Chris Fournier's email stating that the Town has approved a sum and the Board cannot spend more than has been stated. Since prices are being suggested to be so much higher than initially believed, bidding will now be done in the fall with an anticipated project start date early next year.

Discussion on the Mazzilli Fire Pond process was held. Selectman Lang stated that this is an exemption and there should be no problem in its approval.

Chairman Stubbings asked Collins for an update on the Tax Deferral Application. Collins had spoken with J. Whitelaw at Town Counsel and stated the options given to her. Approval of the application does not delay or hinder any actions that the Tax Collector is required to do to obtain any back taxes. A motion to approve was made by Selectman Lang and seconded by Chairman Stubbings. Motion passed 2-0. Collins had also raised a

letter to be sent to the applicant advising them of the situation. A copy needs to be given to the Tax Collector and an abatement raised for the taxes in question.

Road Agent, Frank Rodimon, stated that following the storm, Indian Pond Road was under water for about 5 hours in the early morning. A culvert on Barton Road plugged up with sticks and caused the ditch to run wide and deep. Other than that there is just a few minor scarring on some roads. Rodimon mentioned the matter where he had met with a resident about intrusion on the public highway and advised the Board of the RSA in question. He was advised to contact Town Counsel who can write a letter to the resident. Rodimon advised the Board that the cost of a precast deck for Colebrook Hill Bridge was \$16K. Replacement of the wooden deck will need to be completed within the next year or two. It can be replaced as it is at present or it could have the precast deck. This is a matter for next year's budget.

The Veteran's Credit Application was verified and approved.

A new Intent to Cut for Tax Map 9, Lot 37, Mueller was approved. It is for cordwood/firewood.

A new Abatement had been received for Tax Map R03, Lot 31 and also Lot 31-1, Indian Pond Road, Shansab. Avitar advice was for it to be approved. Abatements for \$1857.84 and \$1326.11 were approved.

Chairman Stubbings asked for an explanation on the ACO payroll error from Collins. Apparently the error was made a second time due to the intern missing the entry. Stubbings stated that payroll is an emotive subject and should be checked to ensure accuracy every time. Stubbings will ask the ACO if he will wait, yet again, until the next payroll payment. The bag sales had not been reported to the Recycling Center according to the manager. Collins will ensure that this is redone and will ensure this done timely in the future.

Stubbings referred to an email received from DES regarding the sampling at Bean Brook Swimming Pool. Selectman Lang could not understand why there is an issue as the Town has always paid for the samples. Stubbings stated that it would appear to be the contact details that are the problem. Stubbings will email the updated contact details and advise that the signs should be sent to the Selectboard office.

Stubbings stated that the Indian Pond Beach passes should be capable of being issued by both the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector as this enables more hours available for the public to obtain them. Collins would arrange for this to occur.

As neither selectman present had had the opportunity to fully read the Comcast Agreement that replaces the previous Charter one following their acquisition this matter was passed over.

Stubbings referred to a couple of emails that the Board had received regarding the logging that was taking place at Aaron Road. Selectman Lang had visited the site but nobody was around. He further stated that it would appear to have been clear cut. He will revisit today and speak to the logger on the matter if they are about.

The Federal notification of payment in lieu of taxes has been received together with the payment as usual at the time of year.

The manifests were approved.

Stubbings asked Collins about the financial figures. Collins explained that there is a posting that seems to have problem. Stubbings suggested that by voiding the transaction it had also affected additional transaction where it had been allocated. He asked her to speak with BMSI to resolve the issue and will then expect the financials for May. Stubbings also asked for a June to date report as well.

Chairman Stubbings stated that the Viellettes hearing yesterday for attachment was awarded to the Town.

Stubbings had spoken with WB Mason's regarding the Mylar storage and they were yet to respond. Discussion was had on the matter. Tax Map updates were also discussed together with the border with the Town of Warren who has supplied their maps of the area. Selectman Lang suggested that Byron Kidder could review this in addition to what we already have him doing.

At 8.55 am Selectman Lang motioned to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's Work Session, this was seconded by Chairman Stubbings. The vote passed (2-0).

Respectfully submitted
Colin Stubbings
Chairman