

Minutes
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday May 4, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Selectmen Present:
Colin Stubbings and Randy Subject

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm by Selectman Stubbings.

Selectman Stubbings announced that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of preparing the minutes and that others may also be recording the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance – The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Scott Pushee – Scott Pushee gave the Board a letter written on his behalf by his stepfather Eugene Struckhoff III. The letter was in regards to road damage on the Class VI portion of Winn Road, which Mr. Pushee alleges was done due to the Town's logging operation on the Glebe Lot. Selectmen Subject read two letters that had been submitted to the Board by the Road Agent, Frank Rodimon and Conservation Commission member, Ernest Hartley. Both letters expressed similar opinions which stated that the condition of Winn Road is nothing out of the ordinary for a gravel road at this time of the year. In addition, Mr. Rodimon and Mr. Hartley stated that they both had inspected Winn Road after the road ban exception had been granted and the last of the wood had been removed and the landing had been cleaned up. Neither of them had viewed any damage done to Winn Road at that time. Selectman Subject also read a draft of a letter stating the Board's opinion on this matter. A finalized copy of that letter along with the two letters from Mr. Rodimon and Mr. Hartley would be sent to both Mr. Pushee and Suzanne Elussor.

Ms. Elussor asked the Board what her next course of action would be since it was clear that the Town would not be paying to fix the damage to the road. She also wanted to know what the plan was for the next three years. She felt that the damage was the result of the way that the snow was plowed. Mr. Rodimon talked about ice flows and said that his review of the road could not conclusively say how the damage occurred. Ms. Elussor asked if there was something that could be done with the way that the road was plowed in the future. Mr. Hartley said that they were having an onsite meeting on Wednesday May 6, 2015 @ 4:00pm and Mr. Pushee and Ms. Elussor were welcome to attend and discuss their concerns. Going forward, Mr. Pushee asked if pictures could be taken of the road prior to the start of the logging operation and after the work has been completed.

Michael Goforth – Property owner Michael Goforth had a complaint about the Class VI portion of Cross Road, where his property is located. He noted that his neighbor has done a significant amount of damage to the road in the past week. Road Agent, Frank Rodimon, said that there was nothing that the Town could do because it was a Class VI road. He stated that Mr. Goforth would need to talk to his neighbor and work something out with him. Mr. Rodimon had viewed the road earlier in the day and thought if a couple of loads of material were brought in that might help to stabilize the road. Mr. Goforth did not think that his neighbor would be willing to spend any money to fix the road. Mr. Goforth wondered if the road could be closed like Piermont Heights was during the winter. Mr. Rodimon said that the section of Piermont Heights Road that Mr. Goforth was referring to was actually classified as Class V with a road to summer cottages designation. This

designation does not give the Town the right to close the road or block it off at any time, it simply means that during the winter months the Town does not maintain the road and anyone who wishes to use it does so at their own risk. Mr. Rodimon also noted that a Class VI road is considered a public right of way and cannot be closed.

Highway Department – Mr. Rodimon gave the Board a letter that he had drafted in regards to the damage done to Szuch Road by Waste Management. The Board signed the letter and Ms. Collins would mail it out to Waste Management's Foxboro, MA location along with an invoice for the cost of the damages. Mr. Rodimon informed the Board that he had done some test holes on Bean Brook Road to see if the material was any good. He said that while the material itself was excellent quality, the quantity was small and it would not be economically feasible for the Town to excavate it. Mr. Rodimon will lift the road bans to the west of Route 10 on 05/06/15. Mr. Rodimon stated that Stacey Thomson will cut the brush for him that is in the path of the waterline. He also stated that there has been minimal mud on the Class V portion of the Town roads. The Board mentioned that the school would like some sand for the sand box. Mr. Rodimon said that he would speak to the school about getting them some sand.

EMD- Bernie Marvin stated that he was having a meeting on Thursday 05/21/15 at 8:00am with the Memorial Day participants to discuss how the day would run.

Police Department – See attached case activity report & media report. Chief Hebert reported that the department's numbers are still climbing. He also noted that there is still a lot of discussion on police officers carrying Narcan, but it is still voluntary at this time. He will keep the Board informed if anything changes. He made the Board aware of a bill in the house (HB617) that would require State Police to wear body cams. Chief Hebert noted that he has researched the costs of body cams and they run about \$1,200 or \$99/mo. This would include the camera, mount and data storage. Selectman Subjeck asked if there were any grants out there to cover the costs. Chief Hebert said that he hadn't seen any that were currently available, but he was still looking into it. Personally, Chief Hebert thinks that the body cams are a good idea. Chief Hebert mentioned an IRS scam that had been reported to him and asked residents to be cautious. He almost has IMC up and running. He will most likely go live with the system on 06/01/2015. Chief Hebert is still working on obtaining the title for the 1033 trailer so that the Town can sell it. He also noted that there were a couple of towns interested in the hummer and he needed to get the paperwork straightened out and then the Town could get rid of that as well.

Treasurer – Susan Belyea noted that the April reconciliation is just about done. She is also still working on getting documents ready for the audit.

Town Clerk- Bernadette Ratel reported that she stills has about 75-80 dog licenses outstanding. She will give the dog warrant to Wayne Godfrey on Friday 05/08/15.

Executive Assistant - Ms. Collins reported that the auditors would be in the office on May 19, 2015. She has informed all the departments about that date so that the auditors can have access to the information that they need on that day. Ms. Collins also reported that she had received an e-mail from Brendan Jones that informed her that his summer plans for Korea had fallen through and he would be available to work all summer if the Board needed him. The Board said that was fine and to let him know.

Old Business

Recreation Department Meeting – Selectman Stubbings stated that there had been a recreation department meeting on 04/22/15. Erik Wagstaff has taken responsibility for monitoring and approving all the expense that go through the Recreation Department. Minor League games will start on Tuesday 05/05/15. Everything has been straightened out with the school and Liz Kingsbury will be coordinating activities for Sundays. The next meeting will take place on 05/20/2015 at 6:00pm.

Assistant Town Clerk – Selectman Stubbings read a prepared response from the Board regarding the position of Assistant Town Clerk for Piermont. Resident, Terri Mertz, at the April 6, 2015 Board of Selectmen's meeting raised the subject and although the Board had replied previously by e-mail, additional questions had been raised. Selectman Stubbings' response is included as an attachment to these minutes.

Manifests

The Board reviewed and signed the manifests.

New Business

Elderly Exemptions – The Board had received four elderly exemption applications. The Board voted to approve one of the elderly exemption applications. The Board voted to deny one elderly exemption application since the application did not meet the asset criteria. It was noted that this application also had not reported rental income received from their rental property. However, since the application had already failed the asset portion, the amount of rental income received was not requested. The two other applications are pending while the Board waits for additional information.

Veteran's Credit - The Board received an application for a Veteran's Credit. This application is pending at this time. The Board is still determining if all the criteria have been met.

Sewer Warrant – The Board signed the sewer warrant. The Board decided against applying funds from the sewer grant to offset the sewer taxes at this time. The first issue sewer warrant is in the amount of \$16,987.09.

Gravel Taxes - The Board signed two gravel tax warrants. The first was for John B. Simpson (R18-8A) in the amount of \$14.88 and the second one was for Stacey Thomson (R02-03) in the amount of \$148.48.

Intent to Excavate – The Board signed two Intents to Excavate. The first one was for John B. Simpson (R18-8A) and the second one was for Jared Shipman (R01-17).

Timber Taxes – The Board signed a Timber Tax Warrant for H&G Cramer Family Partnership (R03-17, 19, 19A & R07-01). The amount of the warrant was \$4,984.18.

Timber Matrix Letters – The Board signed letters requesting that property owners who had submitted Reports of Cut without a matrix to please submit one, otherwise the Town would have to bill the timber taxes at the top end of the range.

Public Input – Susanne Woodard said that it was a good meeting and that she had learned a lot.

Minutes – The minutes from the 04/20/15 meeting were reviewed. Changes were made. Selectman Subject moved to accept the minutes as amended. Selectman Stubbings seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor of this motion.

Website Update – Selectman Stubbings said that he would be meeting with Nancy Cole on Wednesday May 6, 2015 to go over the website.

Agenda items for the next meeting:

- Follow up with Road Agent and Fire Department regarding Mazzilli Fire Pond
- Follow up with Road Agent regarding the relocation of the items in the Rodimon Barn.

Selectman Subject moved to adjourn to non-public session at 8:34pm under RSA 91-A:311(a) for a personnel issue. Selectman Stubbings seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor of adjourning to executive session. The Board adjourned from executive session at 10:21pm. The minutes of the non-public sessions were sealed during the non-public session. Selectman Subject moved to adjourn from the regular meeting at 10:21 pm. Selectman Stubbings seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor of this motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer L. Collins

Board of Selectman
Colin Stubbings, Selectman

Approved:

Members of the Public Present at the general meeting as recorded by “sign-in sheet” included: G. Stelzner, S. Pushee, S. Belyea, W. Rodimon, S. Woodard, C. Stubbings E. Hartley, M. Goforth, D. Goforth, F. Rodimon, B. Marvin and J. Collins