

Minutes
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday July 11, 2017

Members of Selectboard present: Chairman Colin Stubbings, Selectmen Randy Subjeck and Donald Mitchell

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He announced the meeting would be recorded for the sole purpose of accurate minutes and further stated that others in the room may be recording, but not declared that fact.

U.S. Army Veteran Tim Cole led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Departments' Input:

Transfer Station- Manager Wayne Godfrey submitted a report in his absence. Chairman Stubbings read the report. Copies were available on the table. There were two changes made to the transfer station leaflet.

Road Agent- Frank Rodimon stated there was considerable damage to roads in Piermont from the July 1st storm. He has rented an excavator to help in the clean-up. The springs snapped on one side of the dump truck requiring it to be repaired.

Mr. Rodimon gave an update on all of the roads in Piermont that were damaged by the July 1st storm:

Bedford Rd is 90% repaired

Rodimon Lane and School Lot Rd are 100% repaired

Cape Moonshine Rd had two plastic culverts that are being replaced with steel culverts, as the input ends of the plastic ones floated up

Indian Pond Rd experienced considerable damage, including a large hole due to the water; repairs are scheduled to start Wednesday

Piermont Heights had two major washouts, with water running over the road

Bean Brook Rd has storm damage at the bottom near Cole Hill Rd in an area previously affected by Hurricane Irene.

Lily Pond Rd had a big tree blow down, but no damage to the road

Cross Rd. has a private culvert that needs to be replaced; Mr. Rodimon will speak to the homeowner about it

Mr. Rodimon stated one of the biggest issues they faced was the loss of material on the roads. They have been working to bring material in to fill in the holes.

Mr. Rodimon further stated that the six "Road Closed" signs that were purchased in the spring were quite handy during the recent storms. Mr. Rodimon did meet with FEMA to assess the damage caused by the storm. He also stated the radios currently used by the highway department were not effective means for communication during a storm. It was also noted the lights on the grader need to be upgraded with LED for better visibility as it was quite difficult to operate the equipment in the dark.

Mr. Rodimon has rented a machine for road work and storm clean-up that can be used to assist in cleaning up the Piermont Pool so it can be re-opened. John Metcalf explained to Mr. Rodimon that volunteers have already cleaned the debris from the Piermont Pool and have reconnected the pipe. The water seems to be filtering itself at this point. Mr. Metcalf has scheduled to test the water for E-coli on Thursday. If the water sample passes, the pool will re-open next week.

Chairman Stubbings thanked Mr. Rodimon. Mr. Rodimon stated he will submit invoices for all those that helped.

EMD- Bernie Marvin stated it was a great effort by all involved during the storm directing traffic, notifying people of closed roads, and assisting in the evacuation of a home located near the rising water. Mr. Marvin met with FEMA as well. An emergency Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting was held earlier in the day to finish up the plan.

Sam Rounds asked a question regarding the Code Red Alert system. There was a discussion regarding the different alerts received by people in attendance at the meeting.

Fire Department- Chief Bruce Henry stated that the Fire Department responded to a gas spill at Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, a lawnmower accident on Rivervale and the house explosion in Bradford, VT. Chief Henry gave an update on department involvement during and after the storm. They had an issue with the orange cones disappearing from the roads. The department has 15 members. Piermont Fire Department participated in parades in Woodsville, Orford and East Corinth, VT. Piermont fire station was available as a rest stop during the Prouty. The Fire Department has received their new pagers.

Chief Henry reported he had received an email from Mrs. Mertz informing him the Mazzilli Fire Pond needs maintenance and to "get someone on it". Chief Henry stated the work done on the fire ponds is done by volunteers and it will get done when they have time.

Town Grounds-John Metcalf stated that baseball is over so the fence should be coming down soon and it is nice to see the horseshoe pits have been getting used lately. The Piermont Pool is closed until further notice.

Recreation- John Metcalf stated that a sample will be taken on Thursday from the Piermont Pool to test for e-coli prior to re-opening after the storm damage. Thanks to the volunteers that did the clean-up and reconnected the pipe, all that is left is testing the water.

Sewer- TSS tests are OK. Manhole inspections will be done in August.

Cemeteries- John Metcalf requested, and was given, Board permission to use Round-Up following the Policy and Procedures on Poison Ivy at Cedar Grove Cemetery. The mowing continues at the cemeteries.

Friends of Piermont- Abby Metcalf stated there will be a concert in the Memorial Garden August 19th at 5:30-7:30 PM. The Fire Department will hold a BBQ with proceeds to benefit the Fire Department.

ZBA- Helga Mueller stated the ZBA approved an application for a variance from a property owner requesting permission to put an addition on their home located on Lake Tarleton.

Treasurer- Deputy Treasurer Diane Kircher had no update at this time.

Bookkeeper/Assessing Clerk- Susan Belyea submitted a letter written to a property owner regarding an abatement request for the Board to sign. Request for Inventory Forms was signed by the Board. Ms. Belyea stated, as requested by the Board, she has contacted forester Jordan King to attend the meeting scheduled for July 25th to discuss what he can do for Piermont regarding timber cuts.

Administrative Assistant- Jen Rugar stated she had put the Preliminary Findings report from Certified Computer Solutions in the folders for the Board to review. A quote will be available at the next meeting

scheduled for July 25th. Mrs. Rugar also stated she had put revised Personnel Policy and Procedures Manuals in each of the folders for the Board to review prior to the work session scheduled for July 20th.

Manifest- The Board reviewed and signed the manifest.

Sewer District Advisory Committee Update- There was a discussion regarding a proposed reduction in fees for the former Piermont Inn. The Piermont Inn is no longer open, so the owners have requested their sewer bill reflect this.

Selectman Subject made a motion to reduce the Sewer User fees to 1 unit from 1.5 units.
Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion.
All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Selectman Subject made a motion to maintain the Debt Service at 3 units.
Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion.
All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Selectman Subject recommends the Board meet with Matt & Joanne Hogan regarding an agreement to resolve the connection issue; this was agreed to by the Board.

Audit Update- The audit is scheduled for August 21st. Jen Rugar will arrange for the auditors to use space in the library. It is imperative to have all required documents ready by August 21st.

Additional Items- Computer System support- Jen Rugar provided the Board with copies of an emailed preliminary report from Certified Computer Solutions. There are more issues than we were aware of in regards to the status of our office computers. Jen Rugar will contact SNS in Littleton to see if they will consider providing IT support for us.

Public Input- Sam Rounds, on behalf of Lake Armington Association, asked who handles complaints of sewer issues at the lake. There was a discussion regarding what individual sewer information is kept on file in the Town Office.

Rebecca Bailey thanked all those concerned during the storm. Ms. Bailey asked questions regarding town wide communication during emergencies. Bernie Marvin responded to the questions stating there are several ways to get information out during an emergency. Code Red is used when there is imminent danger, we have the Town webpage, Emergency Management has a Facebook page and there is also Bailey's Piermont Facebook page.

John Metcalf asked if we have heard anything regarding the pending lawsuit. Chairman Stubbings stated that we have not heard anything yet, but when we do it will be announced at the following BOS meeting.

Approve Minutes July 6, 2017- The minutes were reviewed.
Corrections were made.
Selectman Subject made a motion to accept as amended.
Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion.
All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Non-Public Session- Motion to enter: Randy Subject
Seconded: Donald Mitchell
Reason: RSA 91-A:3 II (c)
Entered at: 8.30 pm

Public Session Reconvened at: 9.08 pm
Motion to Seal Minutes: Randy Subjeck
Seconded: Donald Mitchell
Motion passed 3-0
Reason: Adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the Board

Public Session
Motion to adjourn: Randy Subjeck
Seconded: Donald Mitchell
Motion passed 3-0
Adjourned at 9.10 pm

Others present for the meeting (from sign-in sheet)- Rebecca Bailey, Tim Cole, Frank Rodimon, Diane Kircher, Susan Belyea, Peggy Fullerton, George Mertz, Diane Stelzner, Bruce Henry, Sam Rounds, Abby Metcalf, John Metcalf, Joanne Hogan, MaryEllen Treadway, Suzanne Woodard, Helga Mueller

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Rugar
Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen:

Colin Stubbings, Chair

Randy Subjeck

Donald Mitchell

Approved: 7/20/17