

Minutes
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday August 8, 2017

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

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7:03 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.

Veteran John Metcalf led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike LaVelle, Certified Computer Solutions- gave an overview of the company and what they offer for IT support to municipalities. A report of findings that had previously been submitted to the Board was explained. There was a brief question/answer session during which Mr. LaVelle responded to questions and comments from the Board and others.

Departments' Input:

Town Clerk- In her absence, Bernadette Ratel had submitted the report for July; copies were available on the table.

EMD- Bernie Marvin presented the completed Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and Certificate of Adoption to the Board for approval. Mr. Marvin explained the adoption and acceptance procedures to the Board. Selectman Subjeck made a motion to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and Certificate of Adoption. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed 3-0. Jen Rugar, Administrative Assistant notarized the signatures on the document. The Hazard Mitigation Plan will be available on the Piermont webpage and available in the office.

Road Agent- Frank Rodimon stated that Dalton is out of work due to a non-work related injury; Tim Cole has been helping out. Mr. Rodimon stated he has acquired quite a bit of sand and gravel at the town garage. The material was given to the Town of Piermont from a project on Benton Flats; we just needed to pay for trucking. It will be used for road repairs, screened out and used for winter sanding. What is left can be used as road base. Mr. Rodimon met with Mitchie Corporation regarding increasing the size of some culverts to see if they can prevent this damage from happening again. The orange truck has been repaired again; a spring broke on the truck during the July 1st storm. Mr. Rodimon is waiting to hear back from the lease company and others regarding options for replacing the truck.

Fire Department- Chief Bruce Henry stated there has been a couple of calls since the last meeting; one medical call and one car accident. They will be going to Kingswood Camp to do a drill that they've been too busy to do. Car extrication training is coming up using tools to be supplied by East Corinth Fire Department. The Department will be buying two more sets of bunker gear to go with the two they currently have.

Chief Henry reported that he had received an email from a resident near the Mazzilli fire pond complaining about the mosquitos. Chief Henry stated the Fire Department removed the brush from around the pond, but they didn't use anything to take care of the mosquitos. There was a brief discussion regarding what may have been used last year to control the mosquitos. It was stated that Bob Lang found an environmentally friendly product at Farm-Way, but it is generally for sale in the spring. Frank Rodimon stated he will look into finding the product again.

The Fire Department received a complaint about possible unsafe wiring on 25C. A representative from New Hampshire Electric Coop (NHEC) and a NH State trooper went with Chief Henry to assess the situation. There was an electrical line run on the ground from one trailer, across the lawn of a neighbor, to another trailer that had burned. The electricity was running 24 hours a day. NHEC has stated they will not hook up the electricity until there is a new pole installed with new service. The homeowner stated she would get an electrician to look at it. Chief Henry requested to see the electrician's license before they start any work.

Roy & Eileen Belyea, Tim Cole and Chief Henry volunteered for the second year at the North Haverhill Fair a couple of nights to promote Fire Awareness. Chief Henry also volunteered on Sunday to assist with parking cars.

The Department is still hoping to paint the floor in the fire station; hopefully before the BBQ on the 19th. Chief Henry also stated the department's ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating has improved from a 10 to an 8. The rating is based on the department's equipment, water supply and communication. The improved rating is a combination of several things, including the Hazard Mitigation Plan work being done by Mr. Marvin.

The fire department is still working on the fire ponds. Stacey Thompson has been busy so they haven't finished; the fire ponds are still accessible and usable.

Town Grounds-John Metcalf reported that mowing is ongoing; the Piermont Pool is open and looks inviting. The repair work on stones in Clay Hollow Cemetery has been completed, as well as River Road Cemetery. While trying to remove what was thought to be a rock, a large fieldstone was discovered. It had been chiseled out to possibly hold a headstone. As the digging continued, two additional fieldstones were located. They have been placed at the town garage for now. Fred Shipman was notified, in case the Historical Society wants them. The stone work has started on the south side of South Lawn.

Sewer- John Metcalf stated it is running as it should.

Abby Metcalf asked if the evidence used in the court case will be returned now that we have the judge's decision. Some of the documents are reports from the Trustees of Trust Funds. Chairman Stubbings replied that he would have to ask town counsel. Mrs. Metcalf stated that she has things ready for the auditors, but they may want those reports so it would be nice to have them.

Friends of Piermont- Abby Metcalf reminded us of the Concert and BBQ scheduled for August 19th at the ballfield beginning at 5:30. The music will be provided by Flipside and all proceeds will benefit the Piermont Fire Department.

Also, Abby Metcalf stated that 9 Piermont children participated in a day of camp activities at Camp Walt Whitman, with transportation provided by the camp.

One of Piermont's oldest residents may be coming back home. Mr. Hodsdon's home is being made handicapped accessible to accommodate his wheelchair.

Tax Collector- Ceil Stubbings had no update.

Treasurer- Heather Subject stated she is working on the reconciliation and is ready to process checks once the manifest is signed by the Board.

Bookkeeper/Assessing Clerk- Susan Belyea submitted the manifest for review and a letter from Avitar Associates regarding a Current Use application.

Helga Mueller- ZBA and Planning Board are both quiet at the moment. Lake Tarleton Association is having their 15th Annual Meeting on the 19th. Mrs. Mueller acknowledged all the hard work and clean-up done at the beach area by Joyce Tompkins.

Administrative Assistant- Jen Rugar had no update at this time.

Sewer District Advisory Committee Update- There is a need to find a replacement sewer operator. It will be posted on the webpage.

Chairman Stubbings read the recommendation from Avitar Associates regarding a Current Use application for Tafrate-Map U02 Lot 45. Selectman Subjeck made a motion to accept Avitar Associates' recommendation to deny the request. Selectman Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

Manifest- was reviewed and signed by the Board.

Additional Items-

Chairman Stubbings stated that he has spoken to Chris Fournier at HEB regarding the information for reimbursement on the Barton Road Bridge project. Chairman Stubbings expects to have it next week.

Sewer system records show there is no Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) to hold the excess of the required funds. There may need to be a warrant article in 2018 to establish an ETF to cover emergency or major repair costs. The Board will discuss the need for better recordkeeping with the auditors.

Chairman Stubbings gave an overview of the lawsuit filed by Teran Mertz against the Town of Piermont and Selectmen Stubbings and Subjeck. Chairman Stubbings gave a brief summary of the judge's decision. The Board agreed that if anyone would like a copy emailed to them, to please print their email address on the sign-in sheet and Jen will send a copy. There was a brief discussion and comments made. Chairman Stubbings stated that if anyone has questions, they can be addressed at the next meeting even though it is a Work Session.

Public Input- Abigail Underhill wanted people to know that Piermont is being represented by Jamie Kingsbury and his son Langdon in the Little League championship taking place in Rhode Island.

Approve Minutes August 3, 2017- The minutes were reviewed. Corrections were made. Selectman Subjeck 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: Selectman Subjeck

Seconded: Selectman Mitchell

Reason: RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

Entered at: 8.40 PM

Public Session Reconvened at: 9.42 pm

Motion to Seal Minutes: Selectman Subjeck

Seconded: Selectman 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: Selectman Subjeck

Seconded: Selectman Mitchell
Motion passed 3-0
Adjourned at 9:43 PM

Others present for the meeting (from sign-in sheet)- John Metcalf, Abby Metcalf, Rebecca Bailey, Bruce Henry, Mike LaVelle, Suzanne Woodard , Mal Kircher, Diane Kircher, Bernie Marvin, Tim Cole, Frank Rodimon, Heather Subjeck, Helga Mueller, Susan Belyea. Also present (not on sign-in sheet) – Abigail Underhill

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Rugar,
Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen:

Colin Stubbings, Chair

Randy Subjeck

Donald Mitchell

Approved: 8/17/17