

Selectboard Meeting  
February 27, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present: Noreen Suriner, Chair; Alan Vint, Clerk; Mitch Feldmesser  
Duane Pease, Administrative Assistant

Expense warrant of \$3,167.33 was approved and signed.

Minutes of last meeting were approved, 3-0.

**Marge Batorski**, Town Clerk, requested the date of the Special Town Meeting, this is necessary as she will have to hold a voter registration 10 days before the meeting. The date was set as March 26<sup>th</sup>. There was general discussion regarding articles to be placed on the warrant.

Next, the Cemetery Committee (CC): **Larry Pease, Mark Doane and Tim Pease**, met at the Board's request. It was learned the cost of a lot is \$500 and it includes 4 plots, each plot is large enough for a casket burial. The grave openings and closings are done by a private contractor and he sets the fees for the burial. Currently, Pine Grove Cemetery has room for another 70-80 caskets and there is additional land behind the cemetery that could be used. The other cemeteries appear to be full or there is very limited room. It was brought up by the CC that there are 2 very large pine trees in Bell Cemetery that should be cut down as well as one in Pine grove. If these trees were to have limbs fall, they could damage some of the stones. The Board advised the CC to obtain 3 bids for the tree removal and then to come back to the Board with the bids.

**Larry Pease**, as **Fire Chief**, was given a letter requesting the current membership of the department, certifications, driving license copies and other training his members have received. This information is necessary to protect the Town from any liabilities that may be associated with the operation of the department.

**Jackie Duda**, Health Agent and **Gerry Garner**, Building Commissioner met with the Board to discuss common issues they have, or may have, in the performance of their duties. Currently, Jackie has sent letters to 5 property owners and they all have the same issue: no apparent potable water or septic system. The structures on these properties either do not have a building permit or the current use is not what the permit was issued for. There was a general discussion on the properties, some had complaints filed against them in previous years but nothing was done to address the complaints and now the current Board would like these issues resolved rather than ignoring them. Gerry stated as Building Commissioner he has the legal right to go onto a person's property and knock

on their front door and can survey anything that is in plain sight. Jackie said she had spoken with Mr. Jamula in January and he is willing to let her onto his property to inspect. He said he only used his property on weekends during the summer.

However, Tim and Marie Pease were in attendance and both stated there were people staying on the property all summer. Gerry said for him to be involved and issue complaints, he has to witness the activity himself. He also said it is best to keep any complaints he files generic and basic as the Housing Court appreciates it.

When asked about empty propane tanks being stored on property, Gerry explained that it was an issue for the Fire Chief.

The Town By-Laws allow 2 unregistered cars on owner's property and Gerry will be looking into various parcels that may have more than 2 unregistered vehicles.

Gerry's assistant, Al Leu, will handle issues when he is not available. Al will bill the Town separately and at the same \$30/hour rate. The Board, on a motion by Noreen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan, voted 3-0 to specifically pay Leu \$30/hr. A memo will be sent to Jane Thielen, treasurer, noting his pay rate, motion and vote.

Jackie said she had met with the Church people and had a good meeting explaining what was necessary for them to operate their kitchen.

There was further general discussion on the kitchen in the Town Hall and what needed to be done. After every use the floor should be mopped, sinks cleaned and every 3 months the grease trap should be checked and cleaned. Weekly, there should be rodent control that is as simple as placing "safe trap" in a couple of areas where mice, etc could possibly enter the kitchen.

Jackie would also like the By-Law addressing Title V inspections amended to include having to have them witnessed by the Health Agent.

The Board thanked both Jackie and Gerry for their attendance at the meeting.

There will be an Executive Session on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 3pm to discuss the Harry Pease Road situation.

Lastly, Steve Harris of the Communication Committee gave a copy of the proposal from Cartographics for the GIS service they wish to install on the Town web-site. The Board will review the proposal.

Noreen motioned to adjourn, Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was 3-0 to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:52pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes:

Noreen Suriner, Chair

Alan Vint, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser