

Selectboard Minutes  
May 13, 2013

Meeting opened at 7:02pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk; Mitch Feldmesser  
Duane Pease, Administrative Assistant

Warrants were reviewed and signed. Payroll: \$4,733.50; Expenses: \$32, 801.24.

Minutes were reviewed and approved 2-0 with Mitch abstaining as he was not present at that meeting.

Update from Building Commissioner, Gerry Garner:  
Alan wanted to know what status was of various issues.

Hudson's were denied building permit as they have no drinking water on site. They have appealed to the ZBA for a variance which was refused. Since to Board of Health issued an order to vacate, they can not live in the garages.

Crepeau: Gerry will send order that he needs a building permit and then will deny the permit. If case ends up in court, most likely the court will allow the building to stand but he will not be able to live in it.

Jamula: he has no issues with him at this time, the BOH issues are out of his jurisdiction.

Dussault: he has knocked on door, did not observe anything to indicate he was living in the building. He could attempt to obtain an Administrative search warrant but will need Just Cause before a judge would issue one.

Alan advised the number of trailers has increased at the "Camp". Gerry said he would need access to Town Counsel as this is a complicated issue. An accessory structure that was allowed is now being used as a rec hall. He will request permission to visit the property and if he is denied, he can then attempt to obtain an Administrative search warrant.

There were also questions on junk cars and the possible operation of a body shop in town. Gerry requested the addresses of these and he will follow up. He stated junk cars can be seen as valuable treasures to the owner of the cars. This issue is usually costly as it ends up in court many times.

Alan requested a monthly update from Gerry and was told that can be hard to do when the items he is investigating are brought out before he has completed his investigation.

Gerry has been working on the ISO (Insurance Services Organization) review and that has taken quite a bit of his time. He will be available to the Planning Board to review various by-laws.

Next issue discussed was the Town Hall security. Bob Hoynoski has met with one company and also spoke with Steve Harris regarding installing security cameras and motion detectors. The detectors would trigger an alarm in each office and the image would be visible on the computer screen. No specifications have been drawn up and this is still in the initial stages and will let the proposals be reviewed to see what best suits the needs of the Town Hall. Howard volunteered to contact 2 additional companies and walk through with them. Tom Austin, Police Chief, submitted his recommendations for security in the Hall. Among them was a listing of all the phone numbers for the various phones should be at each person's desk so if they are indifferent rooms, a call could be made incase of an emergency.

Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent, told the Board he was over budget on his fuel account. He is also ready to start excavating for the sidewalk that will lead to the rear door for library use. He has some wood chips and will bring them to the Town Hall and Mitch volunteered to spread them around the trees. Skip will also be undergoing knee surgery and expects to be out for about one month.

Judy Hoag wanted to know the progress on the buildings in the center of town. Alan advised the properties were in the hands of the Town's Tax Attorney and the process of taking was ongoing. There was further discussion on this issue regarding the Historic district, if the store was salvageable, would an engineering study be necessary. Also, the cellar of the building was never tested for fuel or sewage leaks. It was recommended a committee be formed to look into these and other issues. Alan felt a member of the Selectboard should be on the committee and be the Chair. Alan motioned to allow him to call Town Counsel to see if a committee can be formed and directed by a Board member. Motion was seconded and passed.

Next, it was decided to meet on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Also, a Board of Health meeting will be held during the Board's next meeting.

Paradise Energy is in the final stages of gaining approval for the solar going on line, they will also finish the grading and seeding as well as repairing the damaged basketball hoop.

Alan spoke with the editor of the Country Journal regarding the publishing of some type of report from the Board as to the results of their meetings. There was discussion on what to report, who would write it, etc. Alan volunteered to write a synopsis and submit it to the Journal.

Alan also felt the Town needs a more experienced worker in the Post Office and he would like to speak with someone in Management about this issue. Mitch and Howard felt this was not a Town issue.

Minutes of the May 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting were reviewed and approved, 2-0 with Howard abstaining as he was not a member at that time.

Alan motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss prior Executive Session minutes regarding the Harry Pease Way issue and to not reconvene. Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote was Alan, Aye; Howard, Aye; Mitch, Aye.

Regular meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved with/without changes.

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser