

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2015

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk; David DiNicola
Duane Pease, Town Administrator

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$8,709.76; Expenses: \$120,739.79

Minutes accepted on motion by Alan, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0.

Alan stated Don Munger would like to be rehired as the Town “handyman” for carpentry work. He had previously done this job but had to resign for health reasons last year. After brief discussion, Alan motioned to re-hire Don at rate of \$15/hr, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0.

Town Hall septic was discussed as no one knew when the system was last pumped. Lafond, Cooper and White Wolf are all capable of pumping the tank; Dave will contact and arrange for pumping.

Kathleen Casey of HRMC and Joe Kearns the Town’s representative to HRMC met with Board to review the Transfer Station. A 3rd party inspection was done in the fall and she followed up on the recommendations that were made. The recommendations were followed through with the exception of the building; there still is an issue with the building used for universal storage (paint, books, fluorescent light bulbs, etc). This building needs to be replaced. Kathleen noted the compactor needs to be welded and repainted. She also brought up a “pay-to-throw” proposal for the Town. There was extended discussion on this cost, many felt it would be a hidden cost and the residents are already paying \$50/year to use the facility. She said there are advantages to this as residents would be more conscious of what recyclables they put in their regular trash reducing the hauling charge for rubbish and the Town would be eligible for grants from the State to help defray the cost of running the facility.

There was also discussion on what type of shed would be built to replace the current shed. Joe felt a 20x30 or 20x40 shed would be best with a 10’ concrete pad along the side for storage of refrigerators. The shed could have a single overhead garage door with one side door. Dave volunteered to take the old building down at no cost to the Town. this will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Alan motioned to adjourn the Selectboard (SB) Meeting and open a **Board of Health (BOH) Meeting**; the SB meeting will reconvene after the BOH meeting. Howard 2nd; vote 3-0 and AB meeting adjourned.

SB meeting reconvened at 8:04pm

Highway Superintendent Skip Savery had requested an Executive Session to discuss some matters with the SB; Town counsel had advised this could not be done. Skip addressed many issues he has with the Board; there was heated discussions regarding the conditions on some roads in Town, lack of communication directly with him, complaints that are directed to the Board and not him. Alan advised one resident had called each member of the Board and whenever members get calls they usually go out and check on each complaint and find many are not worthy of complaints. There were also questions regarding hiring Alan for the outside “handyman” position, it was explained there was an ad placed in the country Journal in May and there were no responses and then Alan put his name in and the other 2 board members voted to hire him at \$15/hr. the Board reiterated they have confidence in skip and the job he is doing. In the future there will be more consistency and contact with Skip. A protocol will be established and followed. After further discussion, Alan motioned to adjourn, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

David DiNicola