

Selectboard Meeting  
March 12, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:05pm

Present: Alan Vint, Clerk; Mitch Feldmesser  
Jackie Duda, Health Agent  
Duane Pease, Administrative Assistant

Expense warrant of \$12,391.73 was approved  
Minutes of last meeting were approved, 2-0

Alan motioned to sign the Big Belly Compactor contract, Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote in favor, 2-0.

Meeting was recessed at 7:15pm to reconvene after the Board of Health hearing.

Meeting reconvened at 8:46pm.

In Open Forum, **Marie Pease** questioned **Jackie Duda**, Health Agent, on the length of time a person would have to bring health violations up to code. She was told the time is discretionary and can be up to 2 years. However, if she found persons living in a dwelling that did not have potable water and a septic system she could immediately condemn the dwelling.

**Marie** also requested a copy of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

**Alan** informed her the Harry Pease Road (HPR) situation was not going to be on the March 26<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting warrant as it has to go before the Planning Board first. Also, he is not happy how this has been handled but the Board is continuing to do the best it can.

**Tamarin Laurel-Paine** questioned the Open Meeting laws and the Executive Sessions that have been held recently discussing the HPR and if any negotiations between the parties have been held.

**Alan** explained there have been discussions with Town Counsel, the opposing party has been sending correspondence both to the Town and Town Counsel, it has been extremely difficult to deal with the situation as it had been ignored previously and now it is time to have it resolved.

**Mitch** said the dealings with the Town Attorney have been to develop strategies as new material is being received every week.

**Time Pease** questioned if anyone could bring new material forward.

**Alan** told him yes, and anything new would be supplied to Town Counsel. When a decision is made on HPR and it is brought before the Town, the Board wants to make sure everything is in the proper wording.

**Marie** questioned if Town Counsel did their own research and Alan explained Counsel has had all of the information from the Board's file from the start. Marie could not understand why the 1984 vote was not legal. Alan said the warrant article was not for a specific road closing and the warrant must be for a specific road.

**Tamarin Laurel-Paine** questioned the number of Executive Session that have been posted on the Agenda over the past months and if all were held. Alan said they all were not held but were posted just in case new material came in and had to be discussed by the Board.

She also mentioned the Planning Board and Grange were both on the calendar for meetings tomorrow and how that was going to work out. Alan said the Planning Board would most likely use the Selectboard Office.

**Ray Gero** told the Board there was construction equipment and a trailer on Chipman Road. Alan asked for the address as the board is trying to be aggressive in cleaning up violations of the By-Laws.

**Marie** wanted to know if the Building Commissioner and Health Agent were working together in some. She was told they were where there were violations that concerned both.

**Tim** wanted to know the situation with the former store in the center of town, if it was caught up on taxes or was the Town going to own it?

**Alan** said the DEP has done all they are going to do with the site and has a lien to recover their costs. He understands the Town could take it over short-term and then divest it and the Town would have no liability. The building is still owned by a private party.

**Mitch** offered a disclaimer to Alan's answer.

**Tim** said it is an asset to the Town since it is in the center of town.

**Alan** said it was good that he brought up the issue but it is still a ways from being resolved.

Next, **Skip Savery** told the Board he was requesting a transfer from the Ice Storm account to the machinery account at the Special Town Meeting. He also spoke of the mud on West Hill Road and a few other dirt roads in town. He will try to keep them as passable as possible but to bring in trucks with material would make them worse than they are as the trucks would be extremely heavy and further muddy the roads.

**Alan** asked if there was anything that could be done to improve “mud season”. Skip advised there is a fabric that can be used but is very expensive. The fabric has to be placed about 18” below the road surface so it does not get damaged when grading the roads in the spring and fall. He has been using crushed stone in areas and that seems to be working. Skip said he gave one of his employees 2 days off for damaging the town marker on Skyline Trail on the Middlefield/Peru line. The employee was told not to get too close to fixed objects while using the Boom Mower and use the chain saw if necessary.

**Eleanor Doyle** came before the Board to ask to use the Town Hall for the fair on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Alan motioned to allow, Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote was 2-0 in favor.

Lastly, the Board reviewed the warrants for the Special Town Meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup> and signed them. The warrants were to be posted later tonight.

Alan made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Harry Pease Road and to not reconvene the Board meeting. Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote was Alan, Aye; Mitch, Aye.

Regular meeting of the Selectboard was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes

Alan Vint, Clerk

Mitch Feldmesser