

SELECTBOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

Present: Alan Vint, Chair; Howard Knickerbocker. Clerk
Duane Pease Administrative Assistant (AA)

Bids were opened for the paving of Chester Road and Root Road, 2 bids were received. Lane Construction bid was for total of \$142,350 for both; Palmer Paving's was for \$139,133 for both roads. After discussion with Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent, the Board voted to award the bid to Palmer Paving for both roads on a motion by Alan, Howard 2nd; vote 2-0

Board member David DiNicola arrived at 6:20pm.

Discussion with Skip on status of town roads, he is repairing the worst potholes first, continues to grade the gravel roads. The culvert on Arthur Pease Road will be replaced with a 42" plastic culvert. Skip will use sandbags for his coffer dam when the repairs are done. He will need to rent an excavator for this job.

Skip was concerned with the garage doors at the highway garage; the electric supply to run the openers was not included in the bid. He had spoken with Joe Kerns and advised him of the problem. Also, there was never a walk through after the job was completed. Eric Weiss put this out to bid for the Town under the Green Grant that was awarded and never came back to check on the job.

Warrants were approved and signed; Expenses: \$27,094.64; Payroll: \$12,776.31.

Minutes of last meeting were approved on motion by Alan, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0.

Alan motioned to recess Selectboard (S/B) Meeting and move to a Board of Health (BOH) meeting, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0 and S/B recessed at 6:30pm.

S/B resumed at 7:15pm with all present.

Discussion was held on use of Town Counsel (TC) by other departments/boards. There are times when legal questions can't wait for the S/B to meet as 2 weeks can lapse and some issues are time constrained. (An example would be legal time limits the ZBA has to respond to certain issues/requests.) It was agreed the individual S/B members may grant approval for TC use in these situations if it is warranted. On a motion by Alan it was approved to allow each member to approve up to a maximum of 2 hours of TC time for Chairs, Board of Health Agent or Building Commissioner to contact TC, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0.

The S/B will set priorities for the next few months at a future meeting.

By-Laws were discussed next. Some of the regular By-Laws passed at Town Meeting were not sent to the Attorney General's Office for approval. It appears the Zoning By-Laws passed were sent and approved. The ones that have not been approved will be organized and sent by the Town Clerk, the AA will help with this.

Wally Smith questioned how this is to be done and it was explained the Town Meeting warrant articles, votes and minutes will be gathered and sent in.

In Open Forum the AA advised the kitchen hood is to be installed and the plumbing of the new sinks has been completed. The plumbing bid was \$2,659.66; however, the final cost was \$1,064.22.

Terry Crean, ZBA chair, stated the ZBA will benefit from the use of TC due to timely issues presented to the ZBA and thanked the board for streamlining TC use.

Howard said in his review of past Town Meetings he found the Town voted not to provide legal coverage to employees, elected officials, appointees, etc at the 1987 Town Meeting. This By-Law may be illegal as state law provides this coverage under the Town's insurance policy. This will be further investigated.

Dave questioned the old landfill area on Skyline Trail. Alan advised he could investigate this matter and should start with DEP.

Alan stated the transfer station haulers have broken the gate twice as they unlock the gate and then drive their trucks through without completely opening the gates. Also, the septic tank at the Town Hall ay need to be pumped as there is an odor. It is not known when the tank was last pumped but it does not get much use.

Judy Hoag questioned the status of the kitchen and was update on the progress.

Alan motioned to adjourn, Howard 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Alan Vint, Chair

Howard Knickerbocker, Clerk

David DiNicola