

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 27, 2000

Members Present: Don A., Brian G. – Chair, Lee S.

Members Absent: Steve L., Jim P.

Dept. Heads: Dave G., Bill M., Bud G., Richard K., Wally R., Ken S.

Guests: Ken Schramm

The meeting of the Selectboard opened at 6:00 PM.

Highway Dept.:

The department has been busy plowing, sanding and salting. The loader is being repaired. The department will be attending snowplow training 11/28/00.

Police:

The department received 151 calls, one of which was a detox transfer. This reflects an 18-month low. Larry Pecor and Jerry Beliveau are back on duty. Cindy Storey started on 11/26/00. Ryan Bjerke started full time at the school on 11/27/00. Don A. moved and Lee S. seconded a motion to sign Cindy Storey's appointment, and Garth Christensen and Mike Reeve's re-appointments. Passed. Salaries shall remain the same.

Fire:

The individual firefighter's insurance policy has paid the medical bill for extensive respiratory testing. Turnout gear has been fitted. The warrant for the gear will be offset in the amount of \$2,200 from the Jeffords Grant. One bid for building re-facing has been received from Sawyer Construction. It includes two options – cedar versus vinyl. Wally recommended that cedar would look better with the existing brick and the proposed sign the FFA is planning. It would need re-staining every ten years. Lee S. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to award the bid in the amount of \$4,760 for cedar re-facing and painting to Sawyer Construction. Lee S. recommended waiting until spring to do the work. Passed. OSHA respirator requirements (fit test/physical) have been completed. Two members required physicals. The Town will pay doctor's visits only. Lee S. requested an update on the outstanding personal phone bill. Wally and Richard stated they have recovered \$1,400 out of \$2,200. The person is no longer in the area. The Board recommended turning over the money collected to the Bookkeeping Department.

Health:

Dave G. investigated the occupied camper behind Dave Burbank's house on Audy Lane. His brother is currently living in it, but will be out by 12/10/00. Ken S. to send a zoning violation letter. Dave G. spoke with Ken S. regarding the Desjardin septic system. The engineer's sign-off is still pending.

New Business:

It was noted that a stone had been removed at the Oxbow Park and that someone had driven onto the field.

Warrants/Payroll:

Lee S. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to approve Warrant #00-51 in the amount of \$61,061.64 and Warrant #00-50 in the amount of \$31,946.99. Passed. Don A. moved and Lee S. seconded a motion to approve Payroll ending 11/22/00 in the amount of \$27,214.67. Passed. Lee S. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to approve Recreation Warrant #00-12 in the amount of \$65.00. Passed. Lee S. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to approve a school appropriation in the amount of \$210,000. Passed.

Guests:

Brian G. announced that Ken Schramm had requested an opportunity to speak to the Board about public access television and had been granted ten to twelve minutes to do so. Ken explained he had a background in cable TV. He submitted a written overview of the public access cable issue. He is conducting an interview with the local newspaper to try to bring people into the process. He stated an outside individual is pursuing the cable access channel. Local schools are also interested. He wishes to see the schools establish management of the channel, then step away from the process. He understands the Board has concerns that he has presented himself as representing the Town and wished to discuss the matter with them. Brian G. stated that the Board is concerned that Ken is representing himself as a spokesperson for the Town. The Board has not been approached or been involved with any part of the issue other than an initial inquiry by Dave Yacavone three years ago. Ken stated that he has not represented the Town but has stated that whatever the Selectboard wants he wishes to see go forward. Brian G. clarified that the Morristown Selectboard has not been asked by Adelphia Cable or anyone else to be involved in the issue. They have not been presented with anything. Ken stated he is trying to get the message out and to get people to come forward. Brian G. stated that at the appropriate time he expects the Board will be asked for their support from the community or the school. Ken re-stated his concerns with the issue. Brian G. asked if he was being premature? Ken stated things are progressing faster than he anticipated and that he is very concerned with the crisis. Brian G. stated that Board is not involved at this point and that they do not have any say over what Ken does as an individual. Ken stated he did not wish to offend the Board. Brian G. re-stated that as long as he did not represent himself as speaking for the Town he could do what he chose. Lee S. concurred. Brian G. stated that Dave Yacavone had told him when there was concrete information he would bring it to the Board. He requested that Julia C. notify Ken when the issue comes before the Board. Ken stated that Adelphia Cable representatives are willing to talk to the Board. He stated he is nervous that the public is not concerned enough. He wishes to serve the Town. Brian G. re-stated that he needed to represent himself individually. Ken thanked the Board for their time.