



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2008

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Todd Yando, Dave Yacovone, Bob Beeman and Brian Kellogg

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk; Charlie McArthur, Lister; Mark Leonard, Zoning Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Joyce Lanpher, MRS Operational Coordinator.

Guests: Alex Garvin, Art Sanborn, Dave Kuhfahl, and Eugene Dambach.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting room by Shaun Bryer.

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Agenda Changes-** Chris Ransom will not be in attendance and Chris Demers will not be giving Branding presentation due to illness.
2. **Announcements-** Welcome Back Greg Adams. Greg will be working with the Village Crew.

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. **Hearthstone-** Dave Kuhfahl and Art Sanborn gave a brief background on Hearthstone. They are developing a pellet stove and are looking to expand the facility by 28,800 sq. ft. In order to accommodate the extra space, they are looking to hook on to the Village sewer line. They currently have 65 employees and are on a septic system, which needs to be pumped on a regular basis. The sewer line needs to be extended to meet Hearthstone and possibly more businesses that may want to hook on in the future. Dave Crawford, former Town Administrator had started working with Hearthstone in his tenure with the Town and had developed an agreement in which the Town would front the cost of installing the sewer extension. Since Hearthstone is in the development stages of the pellet stove, they need the extra space and could potentially provide 10-30 jobs for the area. They can't continue to pump their septic indefinitely. Dan has done some investigating into the situation and thinks there might be some grants the Town could apply for. Hearthstone is also asking for tax stabilization on their personal, highway and municipal taxes for the new expansion. Taxes would be phased in over a 5 year period in 20% increments. Hearthstone is also asking for a waiver for the per square foot zoning permit fees and be charged a flat rate of \$150.00. Todd Yando felt that we should put some pressure on Water & Light to participate in this project. We should have Dan write a letter to the Village Trustees asking for their participation in the project. Art Sanborn would approach the Trustees on the Town's behalf.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to instruct Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to draft a letter of support outlining the Town's willingness to expand the sewer line, grant the tax stabilization request and waive the square foot fee for the zoning permit and charge a flat rate for the Selectboard to sign. Motion approved (5/0)

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Dave Yacovone to instruct Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to draft a letter to the Village Trustees asking for their participation on this project. Motion approved. (5/0)

III. OLDBUSINESS

1. **Stage Coach Road-** Selectboard agreed at their last meeting to go with Community National Bank with an interest of 3.3% for the financing of Stagecoach Road. They were presented with and signed a note for \$500,000 at an interest rate of 3.3%.
2. **Ancients Roads-** Frank Huard- the Selectboard concurred with the Ancient Roads committee that the road that runs through Frank's property is not a Town Highway and is not currently maintained. No action needed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Budget Review** General Government- went over line items in General Government with Finance, Zoning, Listers and Town Clerk Office.
2. **Budget Review- Rescue-** Also reviewed Rescue Budget with Joyce Lanpher and Eugene Dambach. Dan will be sending Elmore a letter increasing their service by 10%. Discussed revenue. Will need a separate article for a new boiler.

V. TA REPORT

1. Meeting Thursday with potential engineer bidders for Bridge Street Bridge project.
2. Meet with Mary Ann and Carol to go over financing options for bridge.
3. Meeting Thursday with Art Sanborn to begin review of financing of the sewer extension
4. PAC meeting Wednesday to go over personnel policy.

VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Todd Yando- Thanks to Mary Ann- Election Day went well, heard lots of great comments
Brian Kellogg- Tree @ Cemetery- if the highway could help Irene out it would be much appreciated.

Bob Beeman- Stage Coach Roads concerns- there are some "bumpy" spots and divots. Bob is aware and Dan & Shaun have spoken about this. Bob says it will be addressed in the spring.

Dave Yacovone- Should have Kurt Hanson come in and meet with the Board regarding updates with the Regional Solid Waste District.

Shaun- Resignation from Amy Walker of the Conservation Commission. Erica to write letter thanking Amy for her service to the Town.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to accept resignation from Amy Walker. Motion approved. (5/0)

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of November 3, 2008
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion approved. (5/0)

ADJOURN

On a Motion by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando, the Board adjourned their meeting at 8:30PM. Motion passed unanimously (4/0).

Respectfully submitted and filed this 4th day of November 2008.
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator

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