

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2000

PRESENT: Don A., Brian G. – Chair, Jim P., Lee S.

ABSENT: Steve L.

DEPT. HEADS: Bill M., Richard K., Mary Ann W., David G., Scott C., Wally R., Brian K.

GUESTS: George Robson, Jeff Simone, Stephen Jennings

Meeting of the Selectboard convened at 6:00PM.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Work has begun in the Village on curbs across from the Fire Station. Gravel has been layed on McKee Hill. The department has been grading side roads. The new truck is in operation. Blow & Cote have poured one abutment on the bridge near Tomlinson's store. Blow & Cote has quoted steelwork on this bridge at \$9,686.00, which is under what was budgeted. Lee moved and Jim seconded a motion to award Blow & Cote \$9,686.00 for the repairs to the bridge. Passed. Bill M. stated that if the volume of traffic continues at the present rate he predicts in five years the bridge will have to be weight posted.

POLICE:

The department received 171 calls. They have been busy with juvenile problems – approximately forty juvenile repeat offenders. Richard will be participating in Water & Light's functional exercise on 9/20/00. Fall firearms training will be held 9/26/00. Senator Leahy notified the department that they have been awarded the COPS grant. Richard submitted a traffic study for the Lower Elmore Mountain Road. He recommends a 35mph speed limit. Eric Dodge is at Fort Drum participating in tank training. Richard flew by "Boss Lift" helicopter to visit the training. The CREW sign has been recovered on the Stagecoach Road.

FIRE:

Wally reported that it has been relatively quiet. The Fall training schedule includes Copley and the school. There will also be breathing apparatus training. Three dry hydrants have been installed, possibly one more. The TA has taken over paperwork for dry hydrant grants. Bill M. stated that he has evaluated the fire station parking lot drainage situation. Adjoining property owner Marvin Randall has complained of his garage flooding from parking lot run-off. Two possible options include installing gutters on the fire station to divert run off to Main Street, or resurfacing the area and installing a drainage ditch to the back of the properties, including Todd Yando's property. Mr. Randall is willing to work with the Town to find a solution. Wally stated

Work on the Town Report has begun. Departments and boards will be asked to submit their reports as soon as possible. The school will be billed for 50% of the cost to produce the Report. Photos are being taken of activities/projects around town for the Report. Brian reviewed enclosures to the AA Report. The Selectboard supports the proposed Mentoring Program web site. A letter from ANR's Gina Campoli was reviewed. The Selectboard directed the Town Administrator to request an overview of the project by the Secretary of ANR. A letter from the Dept. of Agriculture regarding Tenney Bridge replacement was reviewed. The River Arts meeting minutes includes an invitation to the Morristown Community Partnership meeting on 9/20/00. Ken Schramm left a request on the Selectboard answering machine to come before the Board. He feels Brian has a conflict of interest and should not chair during his visit. Brian explained that he does not have a direct conflict with Mr. Schramm's airport issue. Mr. Schramm will be scheduled for five minutes on the 10/2/00 agenda. Brian G. to chair 10/2/00 meeting.

RESCUE: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

As Rescue was not present, discussion about the Squad was tabled until 10/2/00. Julia C. to request Rescue attendance on 10/2/00. The Selectboard reviewed a draft letter to AOT regarding catholic school highway safety concerns. Julia C. to send letter. Lee moved and Brian seconded a motion to approve the 9/5/00 and 9/11/00 meeting minutes as written. Lee, Brian and Jim voted in favor. Don abstained, as he was not present at the 9/11/00 meeting. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don moved and Jim seconded a motion to approve new Recreation Council members Rhonda Desrochers, Kathy Godin, Amy Nemeth and Judy Sturtevant. Don, Brian and Jim voted in favor. Lee abstained. Passed. Mary Ann updated the Board on the status of the Manosh appeal to the Board of Civil Authority. PVR will hire a consultant to look at sales comps. Mary Ann will contact the Town Attorney with an update on the status of the appeal.

GENERAL FUND:

Don moved and Jim seconded a motion to pay Warrant #00-41 in the amount of \$98, 182.33 and Warrant #00-40 in the amount of \$28, 478.86. Passed. Lee moved and Jim seconded a motion to pay Payroll Warrant for pay period ending 9/9/00 in the amount of \$25,312.14. Passed.

OTHER FUNDS:

Jim moved and Lee seconded a motion to pay Manual Pays #ML-5 Recreation in the amount of \$720.00. Passed.