

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Members Present: Brian Greenia, Mark Struhsacker, Lee Sturtevant
Members Absent: Don Anderson, Jim Paige
Dept. Heads: Paul McGinley, Carol Bradley, Lynn Miller, Bill Moulton, Richard Keith, Wally Reeve, Bud Geary, David Godfrey

Guests: Francis Favreau, Scott Corse, Barb Farr, Paul Trudell, Sam Guy, Julia Compagna

The Selectboard meeting commenced at 6:02 PM.

POLICE:

Richard K. reported that they had received 154 calls. Eric Dodge has been in Kentucky with the National Guard. Ryan Bjerke attended the (Basic Hostage Negotiation Conflict Management Techniques) training last week. Richard attended a seminar last week at Sam's Charlmont. The tenth DARE graduation was held on April 26th with 84 fifth graders and 250 guests in attendance. Friday they escorted the "Take Back the Night March". Sunday they monitored the March of Dimes Walk with 200 walkers. Richard reported about the Expeditions tires. Speeds are done on the Stagecoach Rd survey. He will have a three-part recommendation for the board at the next meeting.

HIGHWAY:

Bill M. reported that they had been sweeping and cleaning up around town. They have the wood put up and the plows are ready for next winter. The screens are ready for summer. He will be having Bud G. do a First Aide class for the Highway Safety Training program. Brian G. stated that there was some concern mentioned about the stockpiling of snow down at the Oxbow at the DRB meeting last week.

HEALTH:

David G. reported a complaint of skunk smell down at Pinecrest Trailer Park. Trash has been cleaned up on Bridge Street. David had a complaint that Small's cows were out of hay, so he put out a round bale for them.

WATER & LIGHT:

Scott C. reported on the water leak on Brooklyn Street last week. There was discussion regarding the sewer problem by Mrs. Tomlinsons. Scott to look in to it. It was reported that the Governor had signed the Charter change in regards to the merger of the Village Trustees and the Water & Light Board. That change can not be made until the next regular annual Village meeting due to the wording of the Charter.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Reappraisal and equipment upgrade were discussed. Lynn Miller and Francis Favreau, Listers were present to explain the upcoming reappraisal. Carol Bradley, Fiscal Manager presented a proposal explaining the equipment upgrade and costs involved. The upgrade will be required to do the work for the reappraisal, as well as the need to increase the number of network servers needed in the municipal offices.

Lee S. made the motion to allow the General Government to obtain the necessary computer equipment and server upgrade as outlined, not to exceed \$22,000.00 as shown. Mark seconded the motion. So passed.

The town has received a proposal from Vermont Appraisal Company (VAC) regarding the upcoming reappraisal. Lynn recommended that the town do an in house reappraisal with VAC as outside support. The board asked the listers to have VAC present a contract for their approval.

FIRE:

Wally reported that brush fire season is in full swing. The Pass Alerts are here and in service. Besides the videos and foam that were discussed at the last meeting, Wally would like to replace 500 feet of hose. W2 has developed a leak. Wally recommended taking it over to Leo's Welding for welding.

Lee moved that they allow Wally to purchase the videos at \$514 and the foam at \$630 and hose as needed within the budget. Mark seconded the motion. So passed.

The Fire Act grant is about finished and will be sent off this week.

RESCUE:

Ed Stewart contacted Bud in regards to the Fast Squad. Bud will bring in a copy to Paul. The hiring process is well under way. They have only had two applicants thus far. The closing date is May 15th, and Bud is hoping that more people will apply. Bud stated that they would be willing to do a first aide and CPR class for the highway safety course.

GUESTS:

Barb Farr, representing CREW, spoke on the concerns and complaints of water skiing on Lake Lamoille. There was discussion of a petition for setting a speed limit for motorized boats pending. This is subject to State Laws depending on the size of water body.

CREW also presented a proposal requesting a waiver of local DRB permit fees of \$6,147.00 in their entirety or in part. The board will put this request on their next agenda.

TA:

Paul reviewed the TA report and the contents of which had been distributed to the board prior to the meeting.

ZONING:

Alpine Snowguards submitted an Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire for the boards approval. Lee moved to approve the questionnaire. Mark seconded the motion. So passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brian G. moved to approve the minutes of 04/16/01 as presented with additional reference to Don's motion to turn the daily operation of the Pleasant View Cemetery Commission over to the Pleasant View Cemetery Association. Lee seconded the motion. So passed. The additional reference to include discussion about the selectboards intent to help the Cemetery Association establish a new set of By-laws, be registered with the state and eventually work with the fiscal office to handle the checkbook and bookkeeping as was stated in the 04/02/01 minutes. At this time the PVC Commissioners checkbook has been turned over to the Cemetery Association.

The H. A. Manosh Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire was presented. Lee made the motion to approve the questionnaire as all Department heads pertaining to the town had signed off. Brian seconded the motion. So passed.

The contract for the mowing of the seven cemeteries and the library has been signed by Darrell Draper of Grass Choppers and returned for the selectmen's signatures. Lee moved to sign the contract. Mark seconded the motion. So passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul discussed the possibility of changing the bookkeeping system from Cash basis to Modified Accrual. With the end of the fiscal year near and the audit of town books, now would be a good time to make the change. Brian made the motion to ask R. F. Lavigne and Company, who have audited the town books for the past few years, to present the town with a proposal for auditing the books and at the same time make the necessary changes over to the Modified Accrual system. Lee seconded the motion. So passed.

A memo was presented to the board in regards to closing Copley Avenue for a Flag Disposal Ceremony to be held in June. The board asked to postpone any action for two weeks in order to get more information.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

The board received a memo regarding an application for the Billings Scholarship. Lee moved to table this until the next regular meeting. Mark seconded the motion. Passed. Brian Greenia abstained.

A memo, from Mary Ann Wilson regarding the Take Charge Account funds was presented to the board. Lee made the motion to transfer the money from the Take charge Account to the Community Coordinator's budget. Mark seconded the motion. So passed. Brian suggested that the board ask Heidi Krantz to come and discuss her position.

A letter from LSSU, requesting a representative from the selectboard attend a meeting on May 10th in regards to developing a long range plan for the athletic and recreational needs of both the school and the community. Brian will attend.

Paul presented two agreements to be signed by the board in regards to the STP WALK (4) S Project. The "Agreement For Consultant Engineering Services" contract and the request to AOT for the release of funds to cover PE costs. A motion was made by Lee to sign the agreements. Mark seconded the motion. So passed.

Lee said he had been contacted by Jim Neuland about concerns regarding bikers on the Randolph Road. Discussion ensued.

A/P AND PAYROLL WARRANTS:

Lee moved and Mark seconded the motion to approve warrant #00-73 in the amount of \$43,765.73 and #00-72 in the amount of \$30,302.26. so passed. Mark moved and Lee seconded the motion to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$25,732.62. So passed. Lee moved and Mark seconded the motion to approve Manual warrant #ML-10 in the amount of \$21,804.97. So passed.

Brian Greenia made the motion to go out of the selectboard meeting and into executive session at 8:18 PM to include Chief Richard Keith, Julia Compagna, Paul McGinley and Barb Cochran. Lee seconded the motion. So passed.

At 9:15 PM, Lee moved to go out of executive session and back into the selectboard meeting. Mark seconded the motion. So passed.

Lee made the motion to recommend David Godfrey to the State as Health Officer, with Chair Brian Greenia signing the letter. Mark seconded the motion. So passed.

Lee made the motion to adjourn as selectboard at 9:18 PM and go into Liquor Control Board. Mark seconded the motion. So passed.

There was one Liquor License application presented. Lee made the motion to approve the liquor license application for outside consumption submitted by Adam's Apple Café. Mark seconded the motion. There was discussion about the location of the outside consumption. The board denied the application unanimously by the three members.

Lee moved to go out of Liquor Control Board with Mark seconded the motion at 9:22 PM. So passed.

Barbara Cochran, Scribe
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Brian Greenia, Chair
Minutes Not Approved