

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APRIL 27, 2015

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 PM

Selectmen present: Don Hill, Chairman; Leigh Callaway and George McCusker.

Peter Abair, Road Agent; Brian O'Day, Tom Duling, Mike Lawlor. Gregory Tedeschi, James and Barbara Gatti, James and Betty Carter, Gary and Joan Robinson

Don called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked for the first scheduled appointment

Greg Tedeschi: He and fellow residents of Oak Hill, Oak Hill West and Messer Hill came tonight to voice their concern regarding the condition of the three roads. It has been a number of years since there was any improvement type of work done to them and the concern is that the elevation of the three continues to be lowered as the result of plowing and natural erosion. The feeling is that the road (Oak Hill West especially is a good 6-8" lower than it was originally and substantially wider as well. The ditches are full and there is nowhere for the runoff of rainwater to go besides onto the lawns carrying with it road debris. They would like to see something done to bring the road back up to the original elevation, 9" of crushed gravel would be idea.

Don responded by thanking the residents for coming to the Board and expressing their concerns. He understands that the condition of the road and feels that this is not a isolated problem with only the Oak Hill/Messer Hill area but with all dirt roads in town. There are 45 miles of roads in town and many of them are dirt, he suggested that the residents drive around to see what the condition of the other dirt roads in town were. This being said not to dismiss the concerns but to help them to understand that many people are in the same situation as they are and there is only so much money to be spent maintaining and improving the current conditions.

Leigh added that the highway budget for the year is 260K, 80K of which is for blacktop and 20K for sand/gravel of which 9k has already been spent for sand.

Everyone agreed that something needed to be done but what exactly and where to start is the problem, when budget preparation time comes around again the dirt roads will be looked into.

George was in agreement with the other selectmen and the residents that the condition of the dirt roads need to be looked at. He voiced that he has noticed the ditches along the dirt roads are much fuller than he has seen in a very long time.

Minutes of April 13, 2015 Leigh moved to accept as written, seconded by George and unanimously approved.

Minutes of April 15, 2015 Leigh moved to accept as written, seconded by George and unanimously approved.

Twin Lake Villa: Ken Jacques brought before the planning board that there is a lot that supposedly became 2 lots at some point when this occurred no one knows. Don contacted the NH Municipal Association to find out what the Select board could do to rectify this issue. He was told that as a Board they could direct the Assessor to return the status of the property to show it as one lot. Leigh moved to direct George to return the lots to one lot as directed by the NH Municipal Association. George seconded the motion which then unanimously passed.

White Truck: Don began discussion by asking what effect purchasing a new truck now would have on the CIP. The CIP has the highway department buying a new truck next. A new truck will run around 175K over the course of 5 years at about 34K per year, while purchasing a used truck would be somewhere between 21K and 40K. Buying a new truck is not the preferred route as one will not be ready by winter, spending time this summer looking for a quality used truck would be a better alternative. The other option would be to spend the estimated 10K to fix the white truck with no guarantee something else won't go wrong soon afterwards. The Board is concerned with spending that amount of money on the truck. Board agreed to allow the road agent to look for a replacement truck and get back to them.

Property Liability Trust: Town must start looking for a company to use for insurance as they will no longer offering coverage after 2016.

Eversource Pole attachments: Eversource is requiring a yearly signed agreement between them and any entity that wishes to attach items to their poles (ie. Flag pole brackets). The town has 20 brackets that are used over Memorial Day weekend and 12 for other holidays. Leigh will be taking care of the agreement submittal.

Ambulance: Fee is increasing \$11,908 for 2016. The ambulance services 9 towns and had 7 response runs to Springfield during the 2014 year.

Heating Conversion: The town office building heating conversion from oil heat to propane. Board feels it would be beneficial to have an energy audit of the building to show if the current zones are adequate. Todd Fluery's name came up as someone who might know of an individual to have look at the building.

Front Office Steps: At a prior meeting it was decided that the steps would be replaced with granite. The choice of granite was made because of the traditional and attractive look of granite. The Board was questioned if they considered having steel treads put on them which would extend out the life of them. They appreciated the less expensive costs but feel that since there have already been numerous attempts to save money with other options they have decided it was time to fix the problem permanently.

Electrical Update at Fire Station: Don showed the Board a sketch of the fire station meeting room and bay showing where the new circuits should be placed, 4 in the meeting room under the long wall of windows and 4 in the bays one between each sliding door and one on the far end of the room. These would all be 20 amp circuits. The question of whether or not the ball field should have a 20 amp circuit installed as well and if so what would the cost be. This would require new wire being pulled through the conduit. Royal Electric and JLD Electric would two companies to consider using for the upgrading.

Signs outside Town Office Building: Leigh talked with Peter Maurer from Sunapee about refurbishing the signs located in front of the Town Office building as well as the signs at the beach.

Signatures:

Building Permits:

Mark Brunelle – approved

Second permit submitted due to prior not having correct measurements

Sara Gilbert – approved

George reminded Tom Duling that when he runs into permits that may have wetlands to contact one of the selectmen to act as a course filter as requested by the planning board.

Purchase order for ladders on the rafts.

Don requested the meeting move to non-public session at 8:50pm

Meeting returned from non-public session at 9:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Butcher