

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

Selectmen present: John Chiarella, Chairman; Don Hill, and Leigh Callaway.

Others present: Bryan O'Day, George McCusker, Tom Duling, Mike Lawlor, John Trachy, Justin Hastings, and Bill Huntoon.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: Motion by Don; second by Leigh to approve February 11, 2013 minutes as written; unanimously approved. Motion by Don; second by Leigh to approve February 13, 2013 minutes as written; unanimously approved.

Leigh would like Selectmen to approve a committee to study sand shed placement. Discussion: Consideration for future needs for the town buildings needs to be looked at as part of the scope of the project. Space needs should be assessed as to the best location for a sand shed and whether a highway garage could be co-located at the same site, in keeping with future growth planning assessments of the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan. The scope of the building repair needs to be a separate issue, but the outcome of that could play a role in the future site planning. Don stated that it makes sense to form the committee. Activities will not take place until after town meeting because of decisions that have to be made at Town Meeting. Leigh would like to form the committee with representation from the Budget Committee, Planning Board, Road Agent, and Conservation Commission. John C. stated that he thought that the committee should include the Chief of Police and a member of the fire department as well. The Planning Board should be involved in long-range planning vision for the Town. Motion by Leigh to form a committee with representation from the fire department, police department, road agent, planning board, budget committee, conservation commission, and Tom Duling; with selectman involvement to make sure the committee meets regularly, to define the scope of the project, and complete a project description. The motion was seconded by John C. Funding for wetlands scientist consultation (Pierre Bedard) would happen after town meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Stoney Brook Road – culvert issue has not been addressed. A letter needs to be drafted. Selectmen wish to speak to Pete first and keep him involved and have input in the matter at hand.

Don Hill will write a letter to State Legislators regarding impact of tax assessment of utilities.

The restoration/cleaning company has completed cleaning the Town Hall and the building is ready for Town Meeting.

Follow –up letters need to be sent to the bidders from the highway roofing project.

Leigh reported that he has completed the first draft of the grant application for the Town Hall (2014) painting project. The application is due April 26th.

Board and Department Updates:

John Chiarella reported the Budget Committee is finished with their work for the year. The Budget (MS-7) and warrant have been posted. Documents have all been submitted for the Town Report.

Correspondence:

Invitation from PSNH for an informational breakfast/luncheon for discussion of energy topics, storm restoration and other topics important to NH and the region.

Application for Abatement of Taxes filed by PSNH for taxes assessed in 2012. This will most likely be part of ongoing appeal by PSNH.

State of NH DOT report of inspection of municipally owned bridges for Gove Brook Bridge and Bog Brook Bridge.

Signatures:

Selectmen approved and signed engagement letter with Attorney Chris Boldt, with the firm of Donahue, Tucker, & Ciandella, PLLC in defense of the case with PSNH.

Supplemental Intent to Cut Timber forms approved for Star Lake Farm.

John reported the warrant has been signed and posted.

Report received motorist damage to a guardrail over the weekend. State Police handled the case. Leigh reported Tim Julian will get the paperwork from the State. Selectmen agreed, if possible, the Town should seek restitution.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts