

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting

1 April 2008

Members present: R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman, Lynn Sweet and Stephanie Gray.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Don Clifford, Jean Chartrand-Ewen, Nicole Lefebvre, Ben Bickford, Glenn Pierce, Bill Vance, Dan Phelan, John Pazdon and Mary Mazur were among those attending.

The first order of business was the opening of the bids received for the purchase of the 1979 Kenworth Fire Truck. Bid notice was published in Foster's Daily Democrat on March 18th and 20th and posted at the Post Office and Town Office. Bids were due by 6:00 P.M. this date, with a minimum bid of \$2,000. required. Three bids were received. The 1st bid opened was received from Asian Auto Services, Inc. in Plaistow, NH in the amount of \$2,832. (conditional on including all red flashing lights, siren, and controller for both systems – only fire radio to be removed). The 2nd bid opened was received from the Bean Farm in Sanbornville, NH in the amount of \$2,200. The 3rd bid opened was received from Benjamin Bickford in the amount of \$3,001. The sale of the Fire Truck was awarded to the highest bidder, Benjamin Bickford.

At this time the Board of Selectmen held their annual election for Chairman. Lynn Sweet made a motion to nominate R. Stephen Leighton. Stephanie Gray seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous in favor of electing R. Stephen Leighton to serve as the Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Clifford, Mr. Phelan and Mr. Vance discussed upcoming construction of the Municipal Offices Building. All wanted assurance that the plans, when finalized, would be available at the Town Office for viewing. It was noted that the geothermal system is going out for bid. Mr. Vance recommended that the geothermal system chosen be one with "high efficiency" to receive the higher % of return from PSNH. Mr. Clifford offered his services to help oversee operations at no cost and verify that what is indicated by drawings is what is provided. Board will discuss further at a later date. Tony's knowledge and quality of his drawings was noted by all. There was discussion about the pros and cons of skylights. The firm chosen for the septic/site work is Hiltz out of Plymouth. It was noted that Mr. Begin, a resident, works for them and will most likely be involved. Mr. Leighton will advise when the plans are available.

Mr. Clifford had a discussion with the Board stressing his concerns over the loading and unloading of excavators on side of the road. He also questioned whether town had an ordinance against driving one on the road and damages that could result. Mr. Leighton explained that there is a motor vehicle law that prohibits registering them unless there is rubber on the wheels, and if they are not registered, they are not supposed to be driven on the road.

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John Pazdon and Mary Mazur attended to discuss process for issuance of a building permit for a lot (Map 8, Lot 19) located on a Class VI road (Pig Lane). A steep hill and the probable need for some tar on a portion was noted. Board provided information on requirements pertaining to the policy they were planning to adopt. Procedure to be used is modeled after the one being used by the neighboring town of Barrington.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding policy and the issuance of building permits on Class VI town roads and Private Roads. Application procedure was established. Applications are to be submitted to the Planning Board, using minimum application fee (\$200.), plus standard fee (\$10.) per certified notification required. At the completion of the discussion, Board was in agreement and a motion was made, seconded and voted, unanimously to adopt the "POLICY OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGARDING CONSTRUCTION ON CLASS VI AND PRIVATE ROADS". A copy of this policy is attached as an addendum to these minutes.

After review and consideration, a motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the minutes from the March 18th Meeting and the March 20th Work Session of the Board.

Correspondence was read.

Application for a disability abatement was reviewed. More information will be requested from the applicant.

An unsigned letter from a resident of Wild Goose Pond Road was received stressing their desire/demand for the tarring of Wild Goose Pond Road this Spring. The letter also cites information from annual reports on some of the roads that have been re-tarred, and gives reasons as to why Province Road should not be re-tarred as the tar could be used on Wild Goose Pond Road. As there was no signature included, the Board was unable to provide a written response. Board members noted that the consideration, planning, and scheduling of any tarring or re-tarring of roads is part of a long range plan involving the compliance with both the Capital Improvements Plan and the Master Plan. It was noted that the Master Plan does not encourage changing the rural and agricultural atmosphere of the Town by tarring any more dirt roads. Funding for this type work would have required inclusion of an article with an appropriation to be included in the warrant for consideration at Town Meeting.

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There was a general discussion regarding policy, procedures and authority of different officers.

Need for new procedures at the Recycling Center/Transfer Station pertaining to demo materials. Ben is suggesting attendants request locals show copy of their building permit if doing some renovations and limiting them to what can be taken in the back of a small truck. Town does not want commercial dumping.

After a short discussion, a motion was made, seconded and voted to have Stephanie Gray serve as the head of the "Pay As You Throw" study group. Don Clifford and Candy LeClerc have offered their services for this group.

Access road and wetlands off Leighton's Corner Road (Map 9, Lot 28) were discussed. Deed research is needed before further discussion.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.