

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting

21 October 2008

Members present:

R. Stephen Leighton

Chairman

Lynn Sweet

Stephanie Gray.

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

Corinne DiVirgilio, and Alan and Tina DiVirgilio attended to discuss conditions on the property located at 1489 Parker Mountain Road (Map 12, Lot 28) and owned by John Dupere. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the number of tractor trailers/boxes located on the front of the property, the volume of scrap metal that has been added, what constitutes agricultural use (pallets/wood products), and the condition of the mobile home on the property. Concern was voiced over property values and the neighbor's inability to sell his home this summer, what might be seeping into groundwater in the area, possible environmental issues, as well as fire and safety dangers. Pictures were presented for review. Property history and previous meetings involving the owner, abutters and Town officials were reviewed. It was noted that all three of the Board members had driven by the property to view the condition. In addition, Mr. Leighton did speak directly to Mr. Dupere on the weekend, and was assured that he would be cleaning it up by Thursday. Board agreed to continue to monitor and address this issue.

After review and consideration, a motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes taken at the October 2nd work session and the October 7th meeting of the Board.

It was noted that the status of the fire truck located in Ossipee remains unchanged. Loaning the vehicle is still under consideration, but no action has been taken.

Correspondence was read.

A permit to sell raffle tickets as a school fundraiser was approved and signed by the Board. This event is being sponsored by the Strafford School PTO.

Letter was received from Strafford Recreational Sports inquiring if there was any "town owned" land they might be able to use for a small park (open-sided skating rink, tennis court, skateboard park, swings, etc.). The Selectmen support their idea, however, the Town does not own any land that would be suitable for their project.

There was discussion pertaining to the "Policy of the Board of Selectmen regarding Construction on Class VI and Private Roads", which was adopted on April 1, 2008. All members of the Board were in agreement that the policy was meant to address construction on Class VI roads only. A motion was made, seconded and voted to amend

the policy to apply to Class VI roads only, and to strike any reference to “private roads” from the document.

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A motion was made by Mr. Leighton and seconded by Mrs. Sweet to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b). a roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Leighton – Aye, Mrs. Sweet – Aye, and Mrs. Gray – Aye. The Board entered into non public session at 7:00 P.M.

At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Leighton and seconded by Mrs. Sweet to come out of non-public session. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Leighton – aye, Mrs. Sweet – Aye, and Mrs. Gray – Aye. Board came out of non-public session at 7:20 P.M. No votes were taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Leighton and seconded by Mrs. Sweet to seal the minutes. The vote went as follows: Mr. Leighton – Aye, Mrs. Sweet – Aye, and Mrs. Gray – Aye.

Based on prior discussions and a recommendation from our auditor to establish a base line value for our asset management inventory, a motion was made, seconded and voted by the Board, to establish a minimum value of \$1,000. Items with a value of \$1,000. or more will be included in our asset management inventory.

Hiring procedures were discussed by the Board. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and voted to establish the following procedure for advertisement of positions/job openings. Notice must be given in a local publication (i.e. local newspaper and/or Community Calendar) and may also be advertised online. Notification of this policy will be forwarded to all departments.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.