

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 11 December 2012

Members present: R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman, Lynn Sweet, and, JoAnn Brown

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM

In attendance: Jim Anderson, Greg Messenger, Mark Messenger

Minutes from the November 27, 2012 Selectmen's meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence was reviewed, discussed, and signed as necessary. Payment of bills and payroll was authorized.

Greg Messenger, the Town's Road Agent, submitted a warrant article for Capital Improvement expenditures and explained his plans for the use of those funds. He also submitted his proposed budget for the coming year. He and the Selectmen discussed the progress the Town is making toward compliance with the federal mandate for reflective signage. The policy has been, and will continue to be, to replace current signs with reflective signs "as needed". Sufficient money remains in the fund established for that purpose; no additional funds will be requested this year.

The Selectmen's Office will schedule a meeting between Chief Scott Young, Road Agent Greg Messenger, and Selectman Steve Leighton to discuss procedures for notification of the wintery road situations.

The Selectmen updated Greg on the plans for the upcoming First Crown Point Road Bridge project. They will likely recommend proceeding with the scope and fee portion of the project this year. Funds are available from the State this summer and the Town's portion is in a Capital Reserve Fund established for this project. Approximately \$60,000 out of an estimated total \$350,000 will be the Town's responsibility.

It was reported that GZA, the environmental company that documented the environmental status of the property at 1161 Parker Mountain Road will not assume any financial or contractual responsibility for the fuel tank unearthed in the demolition of the building and grading of the property, stating that no records of it could be found at the State. Additionally, the Board questioned GZA's estimate for its removal as it was significantly higher than the other they received. The Selectmen's Office will notify the company, by letter, of their dissatisfaction. The discussion continued with who is legally responsible for its removal. While options are explored, the tank will remain where it is with some bales of hay around it.

The Selectmen received a 30 day notice about rate changes for Metrocast.

The Town's current hardware support company will be providing assistance with the new Planning and Zoning computer.

The Hill Library budget will be ready for the next Selectmen's meeting as the Library trustees meet next week.

The Police and Fire Department 2013 budget proposals were presented for review. They will be considered at length at the next Board meeting alongside the 2012 budgets and actual expenditures for the year.

The Selectmen's office will reserve front cover of the Community Calendar for March.

There will be no Selectmen's meeting on December 25. The next Board meeting will be January 8, 2013. A Public Hearing for the recent updates to the town ordinances will be held on January 22, 2013.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:00.