

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 12 June 2012

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:10PM

In attendance: Mindy Holt, Alfred Holt, Paul Stover, and Scott Whitehouse

Two bids for the demolition of the Hill property were received in response to the Selectmen's request for an absolute estimate on the entire project as presented in the bid request. The 2 bids were from Sanders Construction and All Ways Wrecking. Both bids exceeded the \$20,000 appropriated for demolition at the 2012 Town Meeting. The Selectmen were not certain if the language of the article permitted any flexibility in use of the two designated portions of the total appropriation of \$95,000. The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration will be contacted for clarification. Mindy asked if it was appropriate to negotiate with the bidders to lower the price. The Selectmen believe that the contractors were well aware of the amount of money that was appropriated. Lynn will contact Mindy to let her know the outcome of the NHRA decision.

Minutes from the May 29, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting and June 5, 2012 Work Session were read and approved as written.

Payment of bills and payroll was authorized and correspondence was reviewed.

One item of correspondence was a letter from the building inspectors addressing an ongoing code violation situation, and another was a letter from the NH DES concerning a shoreline violation.

The Selectmen have received and taken under consideration a petition requesting a speed limit reduction on Perry Road.

After short discussion the Board voted to authorize the Police Dept to conduct OHRV details for 2012-2013 and the OHRV grant application was signed by Mr. Leighton.

Several abatement recommendations were reviewed and signed.

The Selectmen reviewed bids for the construction of the salt shed. Craven Construction presented the lowest bid and was awarded the contract

Fire Chief Paul Stover and Deputy Chief Scott Whitehouse brought forward several items to discuss with the Selectmen.

- Paul presented the 3 bids that were received for the work to be done on the paved area in front of the Bow Lake Station. The 3 bidders were Durrell, Rad Messenger Excavating and Trucking, and Torino and Sons. Some general discussion about the project followed. Power, cable and telephone will be placed underground. After reviewing the proposals the Selectmen were in agreement that a thicker 3 inch base should be placed down to accommodate the weight of the fire trucks. They directed the Fire Chief to ask 2 of the bidders, Rad Messenger Excavating and Trucking and Torino and Sons, to submit revised bids that reflect the price of the thicker base.

- Paul reported that generator bids have been slow in coming in, even though he has personally contacted several people.
- The Fire Department was awarded an unanticipated matching grant of \$4000 for the purchase of forest fire equipment. The Selectmen authorized acceptance and approved the expenditure of the Town's matching funds to be expended from the Fire Department budget.
- The Fire Department has been consulted about driveway plans for a proposed subdivision on Province Road in regards to access by emergency equipment. Chief Stover will specify, by letter to the Planning Board, that the driveways (off the private drive) need to be 12 feet wide to allow for emergency access to the properties.
- The Selectmen asked the Chief and Deputy Chief to remind their EMT personnel to be aware of their personal appearance when they are on duty or in uniform.
- The Fire Department has made some decisions about qualifications for reimbursement of training fees and the responsibility of the members if they are reimbursed.

Paul Stover and Scott Whitehouse will be invited to the July 10, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting to continue their discussion.

Regarding a question from the previous Board Meeting, the process by which the Town is permitted to sell deeded tax property was confirmed. Reference was made to a warrant article approved in 1990. All abutters to the property will be notified of the Town's intent to sell the property. The tax collector will calculate the amount Town has lost in taxable value since 1998 on the property in question, and will present that information to the Selectmen.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:34.