

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 26 June 2012

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM

In attendance: Carolyn Clarke, Dakota Clifford and Heidi Matthews, Mindy Holt, Martha English, Debbie Bartley from Lamprey Health Care, Debbie Shaver

Judy Dupré introduced the new Tax Collector Deputy, Mary Hoyt. Paperwork was signed for her appointment.

Correspondence was reviewed and payment of payroll and bills was authorized.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed 2 tax abatements

Minutes from the June 12 Selectmen's meeting were read and accepted.

Following some discussion, the Selectmen granted approval to use OHRV on Class VI roads, except when the roads are posted, which was roughly defined as March 1 through May 31. A permission slip will be drafted which outlines the conditions of approval; it will be signed by the Selectmen and applicant. The Police Department will be notified that it has been issued, and the approval is to be carried when using the Class VI roads.

Carolyn Clarke reported that representatives from Strafford and neighboring towns have been meeting to discuss a transportation program that might help senior citizens get to doctors' appointments and to the grocery store. They learned of Lamprey Health Care in Newmarket, which is already providing service for the towns of Newmarket, Barrington, and 27 towns in Rockingham County. Debbie Bartley from LHC spoke to the Board about the services LHC provides. With their 4 handicapped accessible buses and car, they take senior citizens and disabled residents to the grocery store and doctors' appointments; a \$4.00 donation from the rider requested for this. Monthly day trips are also scheduled for which a \$7.00 donation is requested. Their funding comes through the Bureau of Elderly Services, NHDOT, and support by participating towns. The initial funding request would be for \$500.00 by warrant article at the March 2013 Town Meeting; subsequent funding requests are based on rideage. The group that has been meeting here in town envisions filling in gaps not provided by LHC with local volunteers using private cars. Carolyn stated that they may move ahead with trying to provide some services locally, and attempt to get private funding for the \$500 LHC fee before it goes before the Town next March. That would enable this committee to come before the Town with some figures and a preliminary progress report. The Selectmen thanked them for their presentation, stating that they believed this would be a good service for the Town

The contract for the demolition of the property at 1161 Parker Mountain Road was awarded to All-Ways Wrecking – All-Ways Recycling with the lower bid of \$23,000.

Lynn read a draft of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the property at 1161 Parker Mountain Road. Deductions for site inspections, title work, the demolition and a contingency fund are to be considered before a final price is agreed upon. The NHDRRA and the Town attorney will be consulted about the expenditure of monies for site inspections before the Town actually owns the property as well as the

Town's legal liability if something is found in one of the inspections. Lynn is scheduled to meet with the Library Trustees on July 2, 2012 at 5:00; the Purchase and Sale Agreement may be signed at that time if the legal questions are answered.

The Police Department asked what could be done about an abandoned house on Brown's Pasture Road where garbage has been collecting. The taxes are paid, it is private property and not posing a health problem; the Town can do nothing at this point.

Some ongoing projects were discussed briefly. Lynn will prepare some ideas for widening the pad and installing a railing at the Conference Room exit of the Town Hall in order to be ready for the State Primary on September 11. Steve will finalize plans for the light at the Recycling Center.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:05.