

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 29 May 2012

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:11PM

In attendance: Sharon Andrews, Martha English, Mindy Holt,

Minutes from the last Board meeting were read and approved as written.

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

Several abatement recommendations were reviewed and signed. In light of some ongoing questions, the Selectmen will request a work session with the assessor to discuss their questions.

Bids for the demolition of the Hill property were received from Jungle Jim's, Sanders Construction, Always Wrecking, and Bob Frizell General Contracting; the Selectmen opened and reviewed the bids. Each of the four bids was lacking information on some aspect of the complete project as stated in the bid package. The four contractors will be contacted requesting they provide for additional information, including an absolute estimate for all aspects of the completed project; they will be opened and reviewed at the next Board Meeting on June 12. Once the contract with a demolition contractor is signed, Lynn will meet with the Library Trustees to draw up a purchase and sales agreement for the acquisition of the property by the Town. The Hill property will remain available to the public for sale until it is under contract with the Town.

The Planning Board has been in contact with PSNH and is working with the Strafford Police regarding the removal of signs on telephone poles in accordance with the ordinance passed by vote at the recent Town Election. Both a State RSA and PSNH prohibit signage on telephone poles, though enforcement is left to the towns and becomes easier when backed by a local ordinance. Pins and staples used for hanging the signs are said to deteriorate the wood. Police are currently contacting sign owners to inform them of the restriction. Contractor and yard sale signs are permissible and must be free standing. JoAnn presented the draft of an article for the Community Calendar with information about the sign ordinance.

There was a very brief discussion concerning the sale of land the Town owns. Town attorneys will be contacted to fully understand the legality and procedure of such a transaction.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:08.