

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting

19 June 2007

Members present: R. Stephen Leighton, chairman, and Lynn Sweet.

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

Among those present were Dakota Clifford (Scout), Heidi Matthews, Michael Whitcher, Dan Phelan and Jim Forsythe.

First order of business was the receipt of the bids submitted for the construction to the Bow Lake Fire Station. Bids were opened in the order they were received.

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| 1. | Craven Builders | \$ 96,900. |
| 2. | Whitcher Builders | 104,569. |
| 3. | Dan Phalen | 100,355. |

At this point, Michael thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to participate, and offered any help he could with the review of plans/codes. Board noted that Paul Yergeau would be the "Clerk of the Works" on this project.

Board will discuss further with Craven Builders and Dan Phalen to clarify details of what proposals include, and what items are optional and could be eliminated to bring price down to \$96,500. What would be included for the heating system was discussed, along with what percentage of fresh air supply would be required. Could a hot air system be considered? Options of painted or primed were mentioned. Mr. Leighton suggested that Town could rent the 30 yard roll off container for debris at a lower rate than the builders in an effort to help reduce the cost. Members present stressed the need to compare "apples to apples". They would also like JoAnn Brown's (Selectman) opinion on the bids submitted. The question of bonding was raised, however, this is a relatively small project and they will be handling this "pay as you go" and did not feel the added expense of bonding was necessary.

It was noted that notice of septic plan approval on the above project has been received.

A "Certificate of Recognition" was signed for Nathan Scott Burnell in recognition of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Memo received from Don Rhodes regarding the condition of Bailey Drive and the lack of established vegetation and inadequate erosion protection in the roadside ditches and culvert draining into the wetland on his property. Board is in agreement that bond currently being held, should be used to make the necessary repairs. A motion was made, seconded and voted to contact the bond company requesting that the funds from the bond be used to cover cost of the necessary repairs or the work be completed. Mr. Leighton will further discuss this with the Planning Board to help determine what work is still needed and what the cost would be to complete the project.

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A motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the minutes from the June 5, 2007 meeting of the Board.

Board was advised that the first issue property tax bills were going to be mailed tomorrow.

Ms. Sweet noted that she had completed responding to the letters she had received from Mrs. Dolan's students.

Board noted the success of the "Destination Imagination Group" (1st in the Regional, 1st in the State and 3rd in the World). A congratulatory letter will be sent acknowledging their accomplishment.

There was a discussion on education funding and pending legislation.

Progress of the Facility Needs Committee was discussed. They hope to have the project together by October, so they can get information out to the public about what they propose to present in March. Plan is still to go for a Municipal building (\$400,000.) to be funded by the existing capital reserve fund (\$300,000. + int.) and \$100,000. from School District surplus at year end. It was noted that they could not get out of the contract for the modular.

It was noted that Scott Young and Greg Messenger would be meeting with representative from FEMA on Monday.

Greg Messenger attended to discuss budget and road work.. Due to cost of road repairs from storm, regular operations budget is almost expended. After discussion, the Selectmen were in agreement that the usual treatment used on the dirt roads, could not be done at this time due to budget constraints. Only necessary expenditures. Capital Improvements to the roads could continue as that money cannot be used on the general operational budget, just on the specific purpose it was appropriated for.

Procedure for emergency expenditures and funding was discussed. Over expenditure of the "bottom line" Will require a published/posted meeting and funding either from FEMA or surplus (nothing to come from taxation). DRA recommends waiting until at least August to have a better idea of what will be needed over the "bottom line" of the operational budget, as well as the source of funding to be used. A motion was made, seconded and voted to put a freeze on all unnecessary expenditures/purchases from the general operations budget. All departments will be notified immediately. This freeze does not effect capital improvements articles or special articles as that funding has been appropriated for a specific purpose (i.e. cap. improvements to road, capital reserve funds, capital outlay purchases).

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Tony Fallon attended to discuss the drainage/culvert across Barn Door Gap near the Ernst home and possibility of digging ditch on his property to divert it in the other direction away from the Ernst home. Board has no objection, suggested he check again in Fall due to current spending freeze.

There was discussion regarding size and layout of the Municipal Facility to be proposed.

John Dupere attended to discuss progress on cleaning up the front of his property. He has cleaned up in front of the house, new roof in January/February, will be storing mulch in cement blocks, brought in fill and plans to bring in more fill to be able to park his trucks in one line, side by side. Board directed him to continue cleaning up, to make the area look neater and to keep the trucks off the road. Mr. Dupere was tentatively scheduled to return on September 18, 2007 to provide the Board with an update on his continued progress.

Mr. Yergeau arrived. He was brought up to date on the bids and the need to "whittle". He was also made aware of the freeze on spending and would inform the Chief. Mr. Fallon reviewed the bids/plans submitted for the Bow Lake Fire Station construction and clarified some details for those present. Mr. Yergeau advised that floor did not need different levels or to be ramped. Could be flat and use curbing like a sidewalk. Short discussion followed.

It was noted that the Board will not be holding a meeting on Tuesday, July 3, 2007.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.