

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2012

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, November 19, 2012 started at 6:30 pm. Present were Selectman Malloy, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil.

Chairman Clark opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

James Powers – Hearthside Drive – Since the last public hearing Mr. Powers has completed what was requested by the Board of Selectmen. T.F. Moran certified the location of a pin in question, the culvert that had heaved was replaced, additional culverts were installed, and the State DOT approved work at the entrance for site distance. Mr. Powers thanked Peter Cook for being accessible and helpful. A warranty deed has been drawn up and is being reviewed by the town's attorney. Selectman Hatch viewed the road and stated that all that had been asked had been completed. However, the pavement is well into the cycle for the town doing maintenance in a few years because of timing of the road acceptance. Selectman Malloy asked when the road would need paving again? Peter Cook stated maybe 7 or 8 years. Chairman Clark asked if there were any public comments. Rebecca Thacker asked if her boundary marker issue had been solved. It was stated that the marker is in place but it is buried. Peter Cook will use a metal detector to locate it. If we can't find it we will contact the surveyor. Selectman Hatch moved to accept Hearthside Drive as a Class V town maintained road, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Jackie Kessler suggested that the mail boxes not be moved to Hearthside Drive until the Post Office approves.

Peter Royce – Town Treasurer – He noted that one of the issues that affects his work are from the elected officials. There needs to be improvement because he isn't getting information to do his balance sheets. When the reports aren't completed on time, the details are hard to recall. Chairman Clark asked what is needed to do the balance sheets – reports from the Selectmen's office, Town Clerk and Tax Collector. The Tax Collector is very late reporting. That office is not in a good state of affairs right now. Most of the problem is timeliness. Selectman Gaudiello asked about timeliness – Peter felt that two weeks is fair. To complete his balance sheet he has come up with what is on hand and has to talk with the bank or ask the Finance Director. Will the auditor pick up this problem – probably not. The treasurer should be making monthly reports to the Board of Selectmen. The town's check book has a 40 to 42 page statement. He has some recommendations on the Selectmen's side. With an appointed Treasurer next year we need to make sure that the system is tightened up. Whether elected or appointed, everyone needs to work together and should be agreeable. Selectman Gaudiello asked about bank deposits and the issue of having an escort to the bank. The town clerk would like to see that type of assistance. Selectman Gaudiello hoped for an update by the end of the year.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – November 12, 2012 – Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes and the non-public minutes, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative

PUBLIC COMMENT

JoAnn Krupski, Tax Collector, noted that her reports are all in. She would like to have better communication with Peter Royce. She would like to continue making her own deposits as she has a problem with turning \$3,000,000 over to someone else. She makes her deposits every day. She noted statistics from the tax office including, to date, 9,546 coming to the counter and 8,712 telephone calls.

She has a problem with the deadline for the town report as she has until the 10th of January to report. She further stated that she has problems with Harris Computer and a software glitch. Mr. Royce stated that he has been four months behind and he can't do his job. If there is a software glitch can you give an update on SNF checks or other problems. Ms. Krupski stated that she can do an excel spreadsheet if that helps. Selectman Gaudiello felt that there are two sides to this – if there are glitches they seem to be excuses. If you run into a computer problem she needs to let Peter know that there is a problem. She needs to own a lot more of the responsibilities. Can we adopt a procedural outline? Ms. Krupski questioned reporting every month as the RSA states that she only has to report once a year.

Chief Walker commented that a great group of volunteers helped pack and distribute Thanksgiving baskets. "The food pantry crew did an excellent job providing for people in the community"

A letter was received from Kurt Bertram regarding problems on Orchard Hill Road. It was noted that this needs to be remedied but not on the backs of Peter Cook and the police.

STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Scruton

1. Administrator Scruton stated the purpose of Granite State Futures noting that it is a community-based initiative to update the regional plans in each region. The information received from this project is advisory only and will help NH towns and cities plan for future public infrastructure investment through an open and transparent process. It could be looked at as a state wide master plan. The two questions asked would help to build a solid data base on what people want for the State.
2. Administrator Scruton had received a request for mileage reimbursement from several members of the planning board. Marcia Gasses stated that there is a mileage line in her budget. The Board supported reimbursing the members for mileage if requested.
3. Selectman Hatch moved to sign the extension for the Turbocam project due to an appeal that was received, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
4. The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, November 26th has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on December 3rd.
5. Selectman Hatch moved to send a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Brown on Orchard Hill Road to inform them that Orchard Hill Road is a Class V town maintained road and the town is ready to pursue legal action, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following:

1. Intent to Cut for Drew/Goscinski on Route 9 and Conroy on Route 9 & 202.
2. Appointment to Office as Library Trustee Alternate for Meri Schmalz
3. Abatements #32 & 33
4. Vendor Manifest dated 11/15/2012
5. Payroll Manifest dated 11/11/2012

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Gaudiello stated that she recently attended the LGC Conference and noted that the conference was interesting and it is nice to meet people from other towns.

Selectman Hatch said that she attended three meetings last week and she hopes it settles down and she can go back to attending school board meetings.

Selectman Malloy also went to the LGC Conference and noted that the discuss regarding the LGC seems like a "lose/lose" on both ends regarding the property liability insurance fund and the Secretary of State.

Chairman Clark stated that he has been reviewing the budget and he will be ready when we get to that level of detail. He also started that he anticipates a "spirited" budget discussion. Chairman Clark also noted that the public information session on space needs was well attended with a lot of good questions.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to go into non-public session at 7:39 p.m. per RSA 91 A: 3 II c & d for land and reputation, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Malloy – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to come out of non-public session at 8:29 p.m. and to seal the minutes for one year, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Clark moved to accept payment, for the town, of \$200, for back taxes, a month from a property owner instead of taking the land, revisit in 12 months and if a payment is missed that is the end, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.