

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2013

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, April 1, 2013 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Bussiere, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Malloy, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil.

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

APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randall Heller – Mr. Heller recently published a letter to the editor in Fosters to the Board of Selectmen. He read one of the letters that he had published regarding the snow plow hitting his mailbox. He feels the town should compensate residents when a mailbox is destroyed, and when he reported the incident to the Town's Clerk's office, he was told he would be compensated. Selectman Hatch felt that Mr. Heller's comments were unfair when he said that "it is open season for plow drivers" and it is unjust to imply the men who are out plowing are careless with respect to personal property like mailboxes. Peter Cook spoke of the winter snow and ice policy and the town is not responsible for anything that is put in the town's right of way. This policy has been upheld in Court. Mr. Cook stated that the drivers do not cause damage on purpose. During some snow events, it is impossible to even see ahead of you. Daniel Ayer noted that he is contracted by the City of Dover and it is inevitable that such damage occurs. Sometimes you may be up 24 hours plowing. Selectman Bussiere stated that he lost a mailbox and understands why the town is not liable. This is a hazard of living here in New England. Selectman Gaudiello stated that she is sympathetic as she lives on a state road and her mailbox has been hit many times, but she supports the town policy. Mr. Scruton and Chairman Clark apologized that Mr. Heller was given misinformation by town office staff that he would receive compensation.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – March 18, 2013, March 25, 2013 – Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of March 18, 2013, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of March 25, 2013, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Walker gave his quarterly report. He noted that Fire & Rescue have had 222 calls already this year. That is 35% over last year at this time. Currently we are in spring brush fire season and ice rescue situations. He will be advertising to fill weekend duty positions. FEMA has declared the 30" of snow in February a disaster. The Town will try to get some funding for what was spent by the town on that storm. A lot of calls have come to the station for education, in light of the carbon monoxide disaster several weeks ago, on how they can protect their families. One hundred carbon monoxide detectors from First Alert Corp. have been donated to the town and will be distributed throughout the community through General Assistance and the Food Pantry.

Peter Cook presented his quarterly report. Mr. Cook stated that the winter budget still looks good. The crew has been very busy and he has worked 850 hours since the first of the year. The overtime line will be over budget. The crew is getting ready for winter clean up and will start road sweeping in

April. The salt shed is full of salt, but we will have to buy sand for next year. Mr. Cook will be working with Administrator Scruton on interviews for the transfer station employee. The administrative assistant position will be reviewed in the next few weeks. Mr. Cook feels that the worst of mud season may be over. The crew had worked on the dirt roads on almost every single day. Jeff Adler, town engineer, will be going through the pavement list in preparation for going out to bid. All paving will be done by the end of July with road striping being done in August. Everyone is up to date for certification at the transfer station. There was discussion about putting cameras up at the transfer station. Mr. Cook would like the cameras to view both the highway garage and the transfer station. Mr. Cook will talk with several companies and come back with options. The electric gate should be completed next month. Selectman Bussiere supports the cameras. The highway trucks have been through state inspection and everything came out pretty well.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. Tolend Road reconstruction will be going on in Dover starting April 15th and going through the spring and summer.
2. First Alert will be presenting the CO detectors April 5th at 11:30 a.m. at the Public Safety Building. It is expected that the press will be there.
3. The estimated cost for required road improvements to Green Hill Road for the gravel operation is \$729,700. The Selectmen feel that all of the cost should be the responsibility of the developer.
4. Staff will be attended a FEMA meeting on April 1st regarding details for reimbursement for the snow disaster in February.
5. The American Legion is requesting \$500 from the town for stumping work that was paid by them to clear the town's right of way. The assessment of their property will remain the same as they have not been able to get access to their property. Administrator Scruton felt that along with any reimbursement the town should get clarification that we can maintain and use the easement. Selectman Gaudiello questioned if the town should compensate to obtain rights that we already have. Administrator Scruton will talk with Attorney Phoenix.
6. The Board authorized VHB to use the Town's parcel data in working on a Stormwater Management Plan for the Oyster River Watershed and access to our GIS data.
7. Antioch Institute is offering a 4 day workshop for new selectmen if anyone is interested.
8. The Recreation MOU has a number of editing suggestions from the Recreation Commission. One question is evaluation lines of authority are not detailed. Administrator Scruton and the Recreation Commission will evaluate the Recreation Director and the Recreation Director will evaluate her staff.
9. Selectman Bussiere moved that if at least \$500 damage is done to town property, the town would go forward to collect for damages, and anything under \$500 would be discretionary, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
10. Selectman Gaudiello moved to authorize the release of a \$43,623 welfare lien in exchange for the trailer being removed from town, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
11. Selectman Gaudiello moved to appoint Lisa Allis and Jeff Heyliger as Recreation Commission members for three years, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
12. Selectman Hatch moved to reappoint Pat Keravich as a Library Trustee Alternate, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: vendor manifest dated 3/28/2013, payroll manifest dated 3/24/2013, abatements #14 - #19, and an Intent to Cut for Wesley Pierce.

OLD BUSINESS

Appointments to Planning Board – This will be discussed at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Security Cameras – Transfer Station – This issue was previously discussed

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Selectman Gaudiello noted that the library trustees have been working with an architect to explore how the Christmas Dove could be converted to a community center/library and have asked the architects to include town offices in the conceptals. The architects will present the design concept to the library trustees at their April 4th meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Library, and all are welcome to attend. The town building committee has been invited to attend the meeting as well. Marcia Gasses, Administrator Scruton, the library trustees and Garth Svenson met with the architects on March 26th to discuss the concept. The building committee will be coming to the next Selectmen's meeting asking for some direction from the Board regarding a town office. Peter Royce noted that he has been active on the building committee and as a library trustee. The building committee is working to find an architect that will work well with the town. Selectman Bussiere stated that we need to hash out which direction we are going by this summer and then go full steam ahead.

Selectman Hatch – At the last Planning Board meeting, they worked on proposed changes to site review. Selectman Hatch reviewed ongoing cases.

Chairman Clark – Chairman Clark asked if there had been any feedback on the letter that was sent regarding Wildcat transportation's Route 125 stops in Barrington. This route is being funded through a grant. Marcia Gasses reported no response has been received.

Selectman Hatch moved to go into non-public session at 7:51 p.m. per RSA 91 A: 3 II a, c, d, or e to discuss personnel, seconded by Selectman Malloy. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Malloy – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Hatch moved to come out of non-public session at 8:45 p.m. and to seal the minutes for six months, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.