

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
JULY 28, 2014

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, July 28, 2014 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.

The bids were opened for the Highway Department Building. Four bids were received: Groen - \$226,622, North/South - \$250,550, Sheridan Corp. - \$253,000, Coreno - \$332,658. These are base prices with additions over and above the base bids. Administrator Scruton and Peter Cook will look at the bids and make a recommendation.

Chairman Clark opened the public hearing on the acquisition of the Elaine Renna property at 6:38 p.m. John Wallace, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, stated that this property is in the middle of the SATWaSr reserve. It has high conservation value. The property owner would like to receive \$45,000 for the property. It is currently in current use. It was decided to split the difference at \$43,350 with several conditions including raising the additional monies through grants. Mr. Wallace would like the Board's approval to move forward. The town would be responsible for the closing costs and fees. Selectman Bussiere supports Mr. Wallace's proposal. Selectman Gaudiello feels that the town should be paying a fair price and not over the assessed value. The Board supported the Conservation Commission applying for grants to support this property. Selectman Gaudiello moved to approve the purchase with money from the conservation fund up to \$35,000 and to accept any grants for the difference in cost, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:52 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Peter Cook – Highway Dept. Update – Mr. Cook reported on the transfer station/recycling. He noted that the tonnage for single stream increased from 110 tons in 2013 to 216 tons in 2014 for six months. More people are recycling and the town made it easier to do. There has been a decrease in bulk and MSW tonnage as more residents are recycling. To date the town has save \$25,495. The overall budget is looking good. However; August, September and October are the busiest months. We should be under budget for this year. The MSW is down because of the single stream recycling. In the Highway Dept. – the budget is in good shape. There had been an unexpected hit in vehicle maintenance for a motor in a dump truck and a

clutch in another truck. Currently there is only \$30,000 in the budget for winter so money from the paving line was saved to help with winter. Mr. Cook feels the overtime line, contract highway winter and sand/salt line are a concern. Mr. Cook's goals had been to have the paving done early, the roof on salt shed done in September, the striping completed in August, ditching is ongoing and road side mowing continues. The roads that didn't get paved this year will be included in next year's budget. The State salt bid went up \$0.43 per ton this year. Selectman Gaudiello moved to authorize Mr. Cook to sign the salt bid seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Mr. Cook stated that there needs to be a turn-a-round on Town Farm Road. It could be very costly to locate beyond the last set of buildings because of the width of the road and where the farm that is located at the end. It is still in the discussion stages. It was suggested to put the turn-a-round before the farm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES – July 14, 2014 – Selectman Bussiere moved to accept the minutes of July 14, 2014, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. Administrator Scruton addressed a request for the Board's consideration of an adjustment to the value on a commercial property. However; the property owner did not file for an abatement for 2013. Selectman Gaudiello was concerned about setting a precedent with late "abatement" requests. Paul Mausteller agreed with Selectman Gaudiello and the late abatement request. Mr. & Mrs. Thorn will be invited to attend the next Selectmen's meeting.
2. Administrator Scruton stated that under RSA 447:16 public works projects are required to have a performance bond for anything costing over \$35,000. It is suggested that the Board ask NHMA to adopt a legislative policy to raise the limit to \$75,000. Rep.(Selectman)Malloy stated that he could spear head it. Towns could still require the amount for a project over \$35,000. Selectman Gaudiello moved to support this legislation to raise it to \$75,000 with the ability for the town's to go lower if needed, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. Selectman Hatch moved to change the Selectmen's office hours on Wednesday evening and close at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m., seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. Very few people come in during that time and there is a safety concern with only one person in the building at times. All in favor

4. The ECLC parking lot is in the process of being redesigned and widened. This will make for a better flow of traffic.

Clerk McNeil

1. Approval of vendor manifests dated 7/17 & 7/24
2. Approval of payroll manifests dated 6/22, 7/13 & 7/20.
3. The Board approved and signed the deed for 130 Small Road.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

Chairman Clark's brothers from Ohio and Illinois surprised him with their appearance and a birthday cake.

SELECTMENS' REPORT

Selectman Hatch noted that as part of the Envisioning Communications Committee she talked with people at the town offices for suggestions for better communication with residents. She has several ideas that she will take back to the meeting.

Selectman Malloy noted that Tony Gaudiello withdrew his resignation and remains chairman of the Planning Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Paul Mausteller asked about progress on the Swenson property and noted that it is for sale. It was reported that the Library is still looking at that land.

Selectman Hatch moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91A: 3II a for personnel at 8:00 p.m., 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.

The Board discussed compensation.

Selectman Bussiere moved to come out of non-public session at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.