BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2012

The workshop session was called to order at 7:21 PM. Present were Selectwoman Bik, Selectmen Sawyer, Marchand, Wozniak and Haughey; Town Administrator Keyes; and Mr. Suprenant - DPW Director.

Personnel: Vacation Buy-Back – Mr. Keyes said he would bring a full report over the next 10 days and has been reviewing every one’s vacation. The bylaw calls for department heads and clerical to carry over 240 hours. He said it is anunfunded liability right now and is talking to Attorney Costello about the way it is carried over on paychecks. He wants to draft an article for Town Meeting to wipe outcarrying vacation buyback and is also looking to change the police and fire departments’ policy.

Discuss& Evaluate Upcoming Woonsocket Wastewater Proposal– Mr. Keyes said Mr. Suprenant provided a draft letter. Mr. Sawyer referenced an article from The Telegram & Gazette Board and provided copies to the Board (Exhibit A). Ms. Bik wants to add this item to the next agenda.The Board wants Mr. Keyes to send out the letter. Mr. Keyes will contact the other Town Administrators.

Municipal Center Numbers and Bird Houses – Mr. Keyes said they will update the lettering on the building. He said the birds cannot be taken care of until spring.

Department of Public Works Superintendent – Mr. Sawyer side the sidewalk issue for Federal Street is old. Mr. Suprenant said there is a program which covers the cost of the design and the project. Mr. Sawyer said Federal Streetis a public safety issue. Mr. Keyes will ask if sidewalks can be built into the Northwestern study. Mr. Suprenant said drainage from Fox Run goes to Bellingham Road and there will be problems if the Town does not do something. Mr. Suprenant said the next planned area was the Privilege Street section then Milk Street. He said the worst section on Bellingham Road is Marie Drive, which is not a public way. Mr. Wozniak suggested taking the money for Bellingham Road and useit for Milk Street and look at Bellingham Road later. Mr. Suprenant provided a copy of the Bellingham Road project (Exhibit B). He said the Town should acquire easements. Ms. Bik said Tom Bik former Planning Board member told her that Ascension Street and Bellingham Road have the same designations. Chairman Haughey said he would check with local historian Jesse Deacon because he remembers everything.

Mr. Sawyer gave a copy of the bill from Pare to Mr. Keyes. He found a memo dated March 25, 2010 from Pare stating they would not proceed with further design work on drainage projects unless directed by the Town (Exhibit C). He put energy updates in the reader folder and wants to put out feelers about having natural gas heathomes. Mr. Keyes said Mr. Suprenant and Mrs. Moquin, Town Accountant will discuss budgets on January 24, 2012. He said the Board would discuss warrant articles on January 31, 2012.

Mr. Suprenant looking for approval for:

* 121/2 Summer Street – water connection and wants the bond back.
* He said he had a productive meeting with Weston & Sampson to discuss the water and sewer rate study and should have something by February 1.
* Well #8 – Needs a $4,500 amendment to the existing contract to put in conduit.
* Farm Street–He said it would cost $6,100 for the guardrail. He saidCostco Fence is the low bidder and contract

He said the proposed contract is for 3 years for meter replacement and will have all meter reads come into office and the installation will be in-house, subject to appropriation. He put $60,000 aside for the first year and isasking for $30,000 from sewer and $30,000 from water. He said 2/3 is from water and 1/3 is from sewer and if they have both then it would be 50/50. He is asking for $50,000 for the third year and it would be an article.

Mr. Sawyer said he got a petition for Staples Lane to make it an accepted road at Town Meeting. Mr. Keyes said the Town has been maintaining it somewhat. Mr. Suprenant said he islooking into Rolling Brook and will work with the Planning Board.

Mr. Marchand wants to know if ANP is paying a surcharge. Mr. Siprenantsaid they are payingfor two; one for industrial and 50% more on their water bill

Mr. Sawyer said a mold test was conducted but they did not find anything.

Ms. Bik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, seconded by Mr. Sawyer. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Milliken