

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Meeting – July 15, 2014

Present: Selectmen – Mark Gilmore, Carolyn Shores Ness, David Wolfram
Interim Town Administrator – Kayce Warren

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Ness at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall at 8 Conway Street.

Minutes: Minutes of the June 18 and 25, 2014 meetings were accepted as written in a motion made by Mr. Wolfram, seconded by Ms. Ness, and voted.

Public Comments: Present – Tom Clark of Clarkdale Orchards, Lisa Turowski and several residents Mr. Clark and friends were present to present a request that the Town hold a Special Town Meeting to vote on a petition to stop the installation of a high pressure natural gas line from being installed in Deerfield. He presented a map that illustrated where the proposed line would be located and explained what would happen to his farm if the line were built.

Selectmen's Comments/ Announcements: The Antique Car Show sponsored by the Lions Club was held Saturday at Yankee Candle. Mr. Wolfram and Ms. Warren represented the Town at the opening of a Ben and Jerry's at Yankee Candle. Hurricane season has begun; we've already experienced "Arthur" which brought a lot of rain. This means swollen rivers can be dangerous.

Board of Health Comments/ Announcements: Mosquitoes are very active, especially during the dawn and dusk hours. The highway department has been putting dunks in areas where there is standing water.

Hearings/ Appearances before the Board:

- **Liquor Violation Hearing:** Present - **Susan** Martinelli, manager of the Deerfield Inn
Ms. Martinelli reported in a letter the actions taken to correct a violation and agreed to meet with the Board in four (4) months to report on how implementation of the changes is working out.
- **Appointment:** Present- Planning Board members – John Waite, John Baronas, Kip Komosa, Paul Allis, Roger Sadoski
The Boards met jointly so that the Planning Board could formally recommend the appointment of Rachel Blain to fill the vacant position on that board. There being a quorum of both boards present, **motions made by Ms. Ness, seconded by Mr. Gilmore for the Board of Selectmen, and Mr. Allis, seconded by Mr. Komosa of the Planning Board, to appoint Rachel Blain were unanimously voted.** Ms. Blain will serve until the next annual election, at which time she may run for election.
- **DEDIC:** Present- Paul Olszewski, chair of DEDIC and Mr. Calisewski
Mr. Olszewski was present to offer the services of DEDIC in development of the Oxford property. He then discussed a plan to approach the Planning Board regarding the possibility of broadening the zoning of the Industrial Park to allow commercial as well as industrial uses. Mr. Calisewski gave an example of a cabinet maker who would want to be able to have a retail outlet on site for his product. To move the process along, Ms. Ness proposed that a draft proposal be ready for the August 4th meeting of the Planning Board. That way it might be possible to get a zoning change request on a Special Town Meeting warrant.

Discussion/Decision Items:

- **Hauling Contract:** The fee for solid waste hauling contract has not changed for the coming contract year. There has been some saving from fuller containers making fewer trips. A motion was made by Mr. Gilmore, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, and unanimously voted, to sign the contract.
- **FRCOG Technical Assistance:** A motion was made by Ms. Ness, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and unanimously voted, to approve and sign a contract for technical services from the FRCOG for the Planning Board.
- **Sewer Abatement:** After an investigation of what appeared to be high usage for a property at 7 Tina Drive, with no leaks found, the water meter was changed. A motion was made by Mr. Gilmore, seconded by Ms. Ness, and unanimously voted, to use an average of use over a four (4) year period as a basis for abating the bill. A written policy needs to be prepared for such situations.
- **Surplus Property:** Present - **Dick Calisewski**
Mr. Calisewski presented a packet of information regarding town-owned property that could be sold. In particular there are three parcels of interest: two are building lots; the third might be of use to some town department. He will gather additional information for discussion at the next BOS meeting. Ms. Ness would like to have the properties declared surplus by special town meeting vote.
- **Transfers from Reserve Fund:** The Finance Committee has voted to transfer: \$2,800 from Town Clerk Account to Contracted services and \$5,000 from Transfer Station to the Street Light account. Transfers from the Reserve Fund: \$9,000 to Highway Expenses and \$12,000 to Hwy Payroll, and \$17,000 to Town Office Maintenance (HVAC - Police). A motion was made by Mr. Gilmore, seconded by Ms. Ness, and unanimously voted to approve the transfers.

Other: Railroad crossings - There continues to be concern about railroad crossings at Conway Street and Pleasant Street, both of which are safety issues. Ms. Ness said the crossing at North Hillside has a steep incline. She anticipates this will be problematic for snow plowing. Mr. Gilmore asked that the identity of the project engineer for the rail road crossings be learned. He suggested that if the Town's concerns aren't addressed legal action might have to be taken.

An "at-a-boy" letter from residents complimenting the Highway Department for a prompt and excellent job in cleaning-up a tree that fell during a storm was noted.

The next Board of Selectmen meetings will be July 30 and August 11, 2014.

A motion was then made, seconded, and voted to adjourn with the signing of warrants for FY' 2014 and FY' 2015 when ready.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Phelps

Document list: