

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Meeting –
September 3, 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: On hold for next meeting

Public Comments: A resident, Phil Allard, asked about progress with concerns about the railroad crossings. He wanted to know how residents could help. Documenting problems and concerns in letters would be helpful. Ms. Ness thought the Town might need to hire a consultant. Mr. Allard had other comments about the 15 million dollar transportation system to nowhere in Greenfield. He weighed in on the Bayer request to hook to the Town's sewer, commenting "It's awfully nice to be nice, but what happens when it has to stop?" He also wondered aloud about Merrigan Way: if it went all the way through to S. Main St, would small businesses use it?

Selectmen's Comments/Announcements: The Rec department is offering two new programs this session

Board of Health Comments/Announcements: Mosquitoes are still a concern.

There will be an emergency dispensing practice again this year. The event will be October 26, 2014 from 10: am to 1: pm at Yankee Candle Way. People are urged to participate in this drive-thru event and get their flu shots.

Hearings/ Appearances before the Board:

Highway: Present – Kevin Scarborough, Interim Highway Director

- Temporary Equipment Operator – After review of the three applicants, Mr. Scarborough said he wished to recommend Keith Rose be hired to the three month temporary position. **A motion was made by Mr. Gilmore, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, and unanimously voted, to accept the recommendation and hire Keith Rose as temporary equipment operator.**
- Mr. Scarborough recently met with a WMECO representative regarding installation of a culvert. Dan Lawrence of Weston & Sampson has recommended a large (75 year) culvert.
- The Mill Village culvert project has been completed. An extended 400 feet of overlay has been installed as well. Ms. Ness said Debbie Schriver will be taking photos of the project for submission to the Conservation District, the source of some of the funding.
- There will be paving on North Main Street between RT's 5 & 10 and Pelican next week. Note was made that there are plans to make changes to the dry bridge, although no one seemed to think this would happen anytime soon.
- River Road – The project has been bid, with Ludlow Construction the low bidder. Weston & Sampson conducted the bidding process for the Town. Funding for the project is from Mass Works. **A motion was made by Mr. Wolfram, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and voted, to award the contract to Ludlow Construction and authorize the Chair to sign a Notice of Award.**
- **Deerfield Academy** has agreed to allow the highway department to use its bucket truck for tree work. Some training needs to happen in how to use the equipment.
- Drainage problem – Mr. Scarborough reported on a letter from the Olszewski family regarding a problem which occurs during heavy rain storms at 111 Sugarloaf Street. During recent heavy rainstorms muddy water has clogged the street drain, backing water across the yard and into the garage at this address. This problem has only occurred since excavation began on Mike Killeen's property (112 Sunderland Rd.). Storm water runs across Killeen's property, eroding soils down the

backside of the Killeen property and onto the Olszewski property. Killeen has been concerned and very cooperative in trying to find a solution. He has dug out the drain and even dug a pit in his yard to slow the water down, keeping it from getting to the Olszewski property.

Mr. Scarborough had some suggestions for solving the situation, one of which was to raise the elevation of material to prevent the water from getting onto Killeen's property from Sunderland Rd. (RT 116). However, since Killeen is already involved in on-going litigation with MassDOT, Mr. Scarborough said he was reluctant to get into the middle of things. The Board agreed he should not get involved. As Mr. Gilmore summarized the situation, water is flowing from the highway across personal property onto other personnel property, eroding both properties and clogging a drainage culvert. It was suggested that Mr. Scarborough pass on to Olszewskis his observations...

Tilton Library Trustees: Present – Sarah Woodbury (Library Director), and Trustees

- Needs Assessment Committee - Ms. Woodbury announced that the library has received a \$41,205 planning grant. A needs assessment committee needs to be formed to determine how the grant will be used. The Trustees recommended persons for the committee: Judith Holmes, Ralph Healy, Elizabeth Libbey, David Lamb, Satu Zoller, and Rachel Blain. **A motion was made by Mr. Gilmore, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, and unanimously voted that the Board accept the recommendation of the Trustees for members of a committee to be called the Tilton Library Needs Assessment Ad Hoc Committee, for a term to end on completion of the project.**
- Appointment of Trustee - Following a unanimous vote of the Trustees, **a motion was made by Mr. Gilmore, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, and unanimously voted, to approve the appointment of Sabine Mauri to the Tilton Board of Trustees.**
- Ms. Woodbury announced that September is National Library Card sign-up month and encouraged persons who have cards to update their cards, as well..

Lake Street Development Partners, LLC: Present – Marnin Lebovits

Mr. Lebovits said his company looks for land that is environmentally challenged and can't be used for much else. MADEP has approved 50 landfills in Massachusetts as suitable for solar installations. Several are in Western Mass. Lake Street Development works with New England Environmental of Amherst. This company has developed over 4,000 environmentally challenged sites. . Mr. Lebovits presented slides of a project completed at one location.

Deerfield has about 20 acres of land which includes the closed landfill plus the stump dump. In the case of Deerfield, which would be locating the solar panels on top of the closed landfill, a balancing system would be used, where pads would be employed to prevent violation of the cap's integrity.

There was discussion of how surplus energy generated by the system would be managed. Before moving forward the Board would like to consult with the Energy Resources Committee. Mr. Lebovits agreed to provide a list of towns that have used the RFP process and those who have not.

Massachusetts has been very successful in promoting solar energy development, as it has a good incentive program. The next program will incorporate changes that may not provide the same level of incentive for the utility companies. Mr. Lebovits was not sure when the next program would be implemented. He hoped the current program would extend through 2015.

Discussion/Decision Items:

- **Landfill Gas Monitoring Contract:** A motion was made by Mr. Gilmore, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, and voted, to sign the landfill gas monitoring contract with Weston & Sampson.
- **Annual Tag Sale Day:** The annual town-wide tag sale will be October 4th.

Other/Upcoming meetings: BOS meetings - September 3, 10, and 24

BOH will hold a meeting September 9 at Frontier to discuss the pipeline. The public is invited to submit questions ahead of time.

A motion was made by Mr. Wolfram, seconded by Mr. Gilmore to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Phelps

Document list: Letter of interest
Olszewski letter