

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 10, 2018
MINUTES**

Call to Order

5:30 pm – Chairman Pitman called the meeting to order

Present: Richard Pitman, Chairman; Fred McGarry, Jeff Shute and Cindy McHugh, Selectpersons.

Absent: Andrew Robertson, Vice Chairman

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Pitman asks all to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag

Longevity Award – Phil McPherson – not present

Bid Opening: Cascade System

Chairman Pitman read the bid letter sent out.

One bid was submitted for a total of \$21,600.00 which included all items listed in the bid. The bidder stated that the only item that wasn't included in the quote was the electrical connection that needs to be installed by a licensed electrician.

Selectman Shute asked Chief Fisher to explain to everyone what a "cascade system" is.

Chief Fisher stated that the new system would replace the system that is currently at Central Station. It was one of the items that was identified in the Primex Report. It is how we can, at the station, fill our air packs.

Currently the department doesn't have a way to keep an air bottle from hurting or killing someone if it explodes while filling due to many reasons such as filling too quickly or have a tank malfunction. There is currently a blast unit that is on Rescue 2 that isn't being utilized which will be mounted permanently at the fire house.

Selectman Shute asked if Chief Fisher knew of any other companies that do this work since the town only received one quote.

Chief Fisher stated that there are other vendors.

Chairman Pitman asked what the possibility would be to get another quote and was it sent out to more than just Firematic?

Chief Fisher stated that he believed that it was advertised however bids get posted.

Chairman Pitman asked Chief Fisher if this was the price range that he thought that the quote was going to come in at to which the Chief stated yes.

Chief Fisher stated that last year he was given a budget figure of \$45,000.00 which included a few other components including the blast system. He stated that he got it down to around \$35,000.00 and then with using the blast system on Rescue 2, got it down to the current price of around \$23,000.00.

Chairman Pitman asked Selectwoman McHugh what her thoughts on this were?

Selectwoman McHugh asked if it was the component at the fire station that is covered up to which Chief Fisher stated yes. She asked if the company that is currently maintaining that system asked to put in a bid.

Chief Fisher stated that he didn't know if they saw the bid or not and didn't know if etiquette-wise if he could have reached out to them.

Selectwoman McHugh stated that since they are located in Massachusetts, they probably wouldn't have seen the posting but thought that they should have talked to them about this.

A number of board members stated that Firematic was out of Milford, MA.

Selectwoman McHugh stated that United Fire Service currently take care of the one that is there currently and she asked how long they have been taking care of that system to which Chief Fisher stated as long as he is aware of.

Chairman Pitman stated that it may be worth waiting until next week as they are meeting every week now to find out.

Chief Fisher stated that he didn't reach out to anybody on this bid not knowing their procedure of reaching out to select vendors.

Selectman Shute stated that when it's advertised, you don't usually reach out and call people to bid on something to which Selectman McGarry agreed.

Chief Fisher stated that they could certainly advertise it again.

Chairman Pitman stated that since Selectwoman McHugh stated since United Fire Service has been servicing it all these years, he thought they should talk with them.

Selectman McGarry stated that the problem would end up being is that anybody would know what the quote is and come in \$1.00 under and say "now give me the job".

Chairman Pitman asked Chief Fisher if the current system is rebuildable or did the fire department need a new one.

Chief Fisher stated the current system in the station is limited up to 4500 psi which is where the current air packs are at this time and it only allows one bottle to be filled at a time before the compressor kicks on.

The new system would allow pressure to be built up to 6000 psi and therefore the standby tanks would be able to fill a number of packs before actually having the compressor turn on and run. Currently the system in place can only fill one bottle and the compressor has to come on in order to fill the next one.

Selectman McGarry asked if the electrical was included in the bid request or not?

After review of the bid letter, it was determined that it was not included in the specifications.

Chairman Pitman asked the Chief what his thoughts were in getting the new system wired and if the current feed was capable of the new system?

Chief Fisher stated that this was his understanding that it would be good. He wanted to state that he thought it was all single phase for the existing cascade system, 240 volts. He stated that he thought they should inquire with whomever the town uses for an electrician these days, if the fire department was to move forward with Firematic, that he would get them both involved and on the same page of what would be required.

Selectman Shute stated that the system from Firematic was also single phase.

Chairman Pitman stated that usually newer equipment uses less electricity.

Chief Fisher stated that there is 3-phase in the building, so if it needs to be pursued, that is something that could be done. He thought that it would just be replacing "in kind".

Selectman McGarry asked Chief Fisher if they would be better off with 3-phase on that or just extending 3-phase power down to that point where ever the current system or would it add that much more to the cost?

Chief Fisher stated that the cascade system and the air compressor both feed off of the same subpanel and it is 3-phase at that panel. That's where the air compressor electric comes from so it would probably be running a new 3-phase circuit. He thought that there was enough room in that subpanel to achieve it but would need to be verified.

Chairman Pitman stated that if there is a motion made, it should include something for the electrical.

Selectman McGarry stated that he thought that the electrical would have to be coordinated whomever normally is used for an electrician to do the work. The advertisement did not include the electrical work and the current bidder stated that their quote does not include it.

Selectman Shute stated that the current system submitted for the bid is a single-phase unit and it could be changed to 3-phase.

Selectman McGarry asked Chief Fisher if the price of \$21,600.00 was pretty much in the range that he figured it might be to which Chief Fisher agreed.

Chairman Pitman stated that Firematic was a very reputable company.

Selectman McGarry asked Chief Fisher what his recommendation was in this regard.

Chief Fisher stated if the Board is satisfied with the one quote that they go with the bid from Firematic.

Selectman Shute stated that he thought that the bid followed the advertisement and that the Board would get in trouble if they advertised again like you said because the price was public at this time.

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to award the "Cascade System" to Firematic Supply Company for the bid price of \$21,600.00

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 3, Nay 0, Abstained 1 – Motion Carries

Kelly Roberts – Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Updates

Ms. Roberts stated that she two quick updates.

The first item that she wanted to update the Board on is that on August 31, 2018, she deeded property to the Town of Deerfield for non-payment of property taxes described as Map 415, Lot 48, .9 acres located on Adams Hill Road.

The deed has been sent to the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds for filing and the town should be receiving the original deed back any day.

Once the deed is returned to the town, the Assessing Department will be able to update the Avitar tax system.

At this time, deeding for the 2018 calendar year is complete and all other parcels have been waived.

Ms. Roberts stated that she would recommend that they start chipping away at the "to-do" lists on the parcels that had issues that were discovered throughout this process.

Even if it is worked one at a time, it can start getting done. Otherwise, they will keep showing up on deed lists in the future.

Ms. Roberts stated that she would start with the "owner unknown" Freese's Pond parcel. She thought that this parcel might be the easiest one to start with to get used to the process.

She also stated where it is complete for this calendar year, she will be working in the background to get files ready for next year so that they could jump right into it.

Ms. Kelly stated that she also wanted to share that tomorrow will be the New Hampshire State Primary. The polls are located at the Town Hall at 10 Church Street. The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk's Office will be closed for the election. She hoped to see everyone there.

Ms. Roberts asked if the Board had any questions for her.

Chairman Pitman stated that the town clerk has requested that the Board of Selectmen abate the amount of \$18.53 on the abovementioned parcel which was Map 208, Lot 68 which is strictly a computer adjustment. A lien was placed on this account in error.

Motion: Selectman Shute moves to abate the amount of \$18.53 as the tax collector as suggested

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Pitman stated the following have been recommended by the town clerk/tax collector for abatement. These steps are being requested after a review of current policy which needed updating in an effort to understand and compromise on a unique situation. The check was presented with insufficient funds for payment of a tax bill. The amount to be abated is \$25.91 on the tax bill for 2018 property taxes, Map 209, Lot 44. This adjustment will correct the return check fee that was placed due to outdated bank fee information.

This will bring the principal due to \$37.00 which is the correct fee on returned checks.

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to abate the amount of \$25.91 as the tax collector as suggested

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Chairman Pitman stated that the same property owner we've abated \$8.90 from the first tax bill for the property tax on Map 209, Lot 36. The adjustment will zero out the balance on this bill which is there from the bad check fee error.

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to abate the amount of \$8.90 as the tax collector as suggested

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Laura Nickerson – Fireworks policy; Permits

Ms. Nickerson stated that what she wanted to talk about is that in this Town of Deerfield, there's no town ordinance or permit in order to light off fireworks.

She understood that there are some fireworks that are legal in the State of New Hampshire and in the New Hampshire state legislation in the past seven years, they have allowed more classes of fireworks.

In 2011, they allowed reloadable mortars as well as three new classes have been introduced as being legal. In 2018, smoke devices, firecrackers, bottle rockets and skyrockets were made legal.

What she stated that she has experienced from living in Deerfield since 2016 that it was pretty quiet but now she has neighbors who are indiscriminately lighting off fireworks all hours of the day and into the night. Weekdays, working days, it doesn't seem to matter anymore and their position is that it is legal and they're going to do what they want.

The issue that she stated she had was that she lives on Middle Road where there are farms. She stated that she is currently developing part of her property to be a farm as well and fireworks are going to be very dangerous to be lit off on a Thursday night at 5:30 when she is handling horses. This is what she states she is facing at this point.

She stated that she has a neighbor that has lit some devices at 90 Middle Road that have made my windows shake

She also stated that she thought they were lighting off M-80's which are also illegal per Child Federal Law for Child Safety Act and he stated that he was lighting off grenades which are illegal per 1968 Amendment of the Crime Control Act which states that it is illegal to possess them because they are destructive devices.

She stated that people are lighting off grenades because they think they can light off fireworks whenever they want.

She also stated that there are 18 towns in the State of New Hampshire that ban fireworks. There are other towns in New Hampshire that state that they can light off fireworks the week of 4th of July and 30 minutes after New Year's Eve.

Ms. Nickerson stated that she felt that Deerfield needs to take a position as a town on fireworks. We do have a ton of trees and a ton of forests and we have a lot of farms and people working around horses. Someone probably will get killed, in which she is afraid will happen if something isn't done.

What Ms. Nickerson thought made sense was a permit that the fire department could issue, like a burn permit, which stated that as long as you are at least 300 feet away from a working farm that this might be a position that Deerfield may consider taking. Also, it would allow fireworks based on weather and how far from your property is away from a working farm.

Ms. Nickerson stated that she felt that Deerfield needs to take a position as to how to approach fireworks from a town perspective because right now, there isn't any and with New Hampshire legislation legalizing more classes of fireworks and with people being aware that Deerfield has no town position on it, it's getting really out of control.

Ms. Nickerson stated that she had a note from one of her neighbors but it is really disturbing when you're having fireworks and then people are bridging into grenades. She thought that it was pretty alarming and thought that someone might light Deerfield on fire with what they are doing because she felt that they were pretty large fireworks that are going up and over other people's properties.

Selectman McGarry stated that this type of item would probably have to end up having to be an ordinance which would require the Board of Selectmen having a public hearing on it and then presented to the voters.

Chairman Pitman asked Selectman McGarry if Ms. Nickerson should go to the Planning Board to which he stated that the Board is the proper board to discuss this issue.

Chairman Pitman asked Ms. Nickerson if she could write something up to which she stated she could and asked if the Board was talking about a summary of what she had just talked about or a proposal of what other towns do and to follow suit?

Chairman Pitman stated that she would have to come to the Board with what she would be proposing as the Board can't propose it.

Ms. Nickerson stated that perhaps pick a town ordinance that seems reasonable in another town in the State of New Hampshire in order to see if the town could mirror that policy.

Chairman Pitman stated that it should be the residential policy. For Old Home Day, it is done once a year, third Saturday in August. The rest of the fireworks are all residential.

Selectman McGarry asked if Ms. Nickerson had a listing of all the towns that have ordinances?

Ms. Nickerson stated that it's on the internet. If you Google New Hampshire fireworks by towns, it says that Deerfield is "permit required" but that was incorrect information given to the State of New Hampshire. That information was published in February of 2017.

She continued that there is an active list of what towns ban fireworks, what allow it and what conditions.

Chairman Pitman asked again if Ms. Nickerson could put something together and get back to the Board and if she could get it to the town administrator, he can email it to the Board so that she didn't have to come back to a meeting yet.

Ms. Nickerson stated that she could pull something together.

She asked the Board their opinion as to what they thought was best. Would it be better to ban it all together like the other 18 towns or to do a permit similar to a burn permit? She was curious as to the opinion on this from the members of the Board. She stated that personally, she didn't like them but can understand that people love their fireworks. She wanted to write something that would be fair.

Chairman Pitman stated that a little control wouldn't be a bad thing and she stated that this statement made sense. Selectman McGarry thought that the fire chief should talk about what his thoughts would be regarding requiring a permit.

Chief Fisher stated that this could certainly be the path that the town goes down. It's his understanding that through the State of New Hampshire Fire Marshall's office which is the agency that enforces the laws on fireworks, if the town would adopt an ordinance.

Within Fire/Rescue, they talked about this and since the town didn't have an ordinance, there is nothing as a department that could be enforced. The department couldn't issue permits without an ordinance.

Chief Fisher stated that he did a little bit of research and he believed quite a few communities involved both police and fire in being able to issue the permits with the authority of the fire and police chief respectfully.

He continued that he would assume that nine times out of ten, the police department would actually be the ones fielding the complaints and therefore would look to have the police department involved in the process.

Budget Presentations:

Cemeteries – Page 24. Maureen Mann

Ms. Mann stated that she was just interested if the Board had any questions. Other wise, she thought the budget was pretty clear.

There was some delay this summer because the Superintendent of the Cemeteries was ill so some of the tree work and cleanup they were hoping to have done was not done but expects it to be done by the end of the year.

She stated that they have also started a volunteer program for people to adopt a cemetery because one of the things that they found in their research was that the town was paying to take care of some cemeteries that are not town owned but other cemeteries that are town owned are not being maintained.

They have been lucky to start transferring the non-town owned ones off the town payroll because they found volunteers and they are hoping to therefore begin to take care of some of the ones that are town owned that have not been cared for in the past.

Selectman Shute asked what the increase was for contractors as it went from \$14,000.00 to \$19,000.00.

Ms. Mann stated that were cemeteries that were not being cared for or fully cared for and that increase hopefully will allow to fully care for the ones now on schedule and add a couple that are town-owned that are not being cared for.

Hopefully by next year, it will be figured out exactly what the cost is because some of the ones that have not been cared for are in pretty bad shape.

Selectman Shute asked if this was for mowing, weed whacking, etc. to clean them up.

Ms. Mann explained that it is for mowing, trimming, trees which are under the tree budget, fall cleanup which is a major expense in some of the cemeteries as well as little repairs going on all the time such as stones that fall off the walls.

Selectman McGarry stated that there was an increase in herbicides and paint.

Ms. Mann explained that you can't go in and dig up roots in a cemetery as they are not allowed to disturb the ground so one of the things that they have to do with the cemeteries is use certain kinds of herbicides to make sure that they are getting rid of the brush but not disturbing the ground.

Ms. Mann continued that the thing with both D2 and another new product they found, is for the volunteers. It is two separate issues. One is the town cemeteries and the other issue is out of the 109 cemeteries that have been located in Deerfield, they have approximately 50 of them that people have volunteered to take care of.

Some of them are going to need major work. Others work involves moving the lawns, doing the trimming and cleaning the gravestones. If we have people volunteering their time and, in some cases, they have bought their own supplies. They would like to be able to supply the volunteers with some of the materials they need.

Ms. Mann stated that their goal was to be the town that was known for taking care of its cemeteries. There are so many historic cemeteries in Deerfield and they are losing them all the time. They would like to reclaim them before they disappear completely.

Johanne Wasson did an amazing job finding them 45 years ago and with many of them, nothing has been done since. If people are willing to adopt them then she thought that they should be willing to help pay the cost of the things to clean them up.

Forestry Commission – Page 79 – Mr. Harrington

Mr. Harrington stated that there were no changes as it is being level funded.

Memorial Day – Page 73 – Mr. Harrington

Mr. Harrington stated that there were no changes as it is being level funded.

Executive – Page 1 – Mr. Harrington

Mr. Harrington stated that the budget was up by \$40.00 because one of the line number figures was rounded up to the next 100.

Debt Services – Mr. Harrington

There is not change as the town currently has no debt

Advertising – Page 28 - Mr. Harrington

NH Municipal Association Dues are up \$81.00 for next year.

Ambulance – Page 32 – Mr. Harrington

The amount went up \$1,000.00 based on the contract the town signed with Raymond Ambulance.

Heritage Commission – Page 74 – Deb Murphy, Chair

There are no changes to the \$600.00 budget

Supervisor of the Checklist – Page 5 – Joanne Waring

Ms. Waring stated that they wanted to make a small change. After they submitted their budget back in July, they had a talk with Steve in IT. He had looked over their computers because he was applying updates on them. He stated that after February of 2019, there will be no support of Windows 7.

She stated that their computers were running Windows 7 and the last computers that were purchased in their office was she thought in 2016.

It was stated that his recommendation would be not to upgrade the laptops that the group have to Windows 10. His recommendation was to obtain computers with Windows 10 built in.

Ms. Waring stated that the computers that they have she thought were purchased as refurbished so she thought that they were older model computers.

They are proposing to add \$500.00 to the equipment line to allow them at some point, not necessarily right away in 2019, but mid-point down the road. If Windows is not being updated, Windows 7 may lack on the security parts that would normally be updated.

Ms. Waring stated that they would like to add \$500.00 for a new laptop which may also and possibly include having to get a new Office software package which she didn't know the cost of that upgrade.

She also stated that she thought that the laptops were not being updated because they weren't on the town server so they are looking to possibly get an external hard drive so that they can do periodic backups.

At the moment, if the laptop crashes, they have lost all of their emails.

Chairman Pitman asked Ms. Waring if she was asking to go from \$2,764.00 to \$3,264.00 to which she stated yes. She also stated that it would go up only \$499.00 because there is already \$1.00 in that line.

Selectman Shute stated that currently the equipment line is \$250.00.

Ms. Waring reviewed her documents and amended the amount that they would like to raise it to \$250.00 to make it a total of \$500.00 on the equipment line.

Chairman Pitman asked if there was anything else that they were looking for.

Ms. Waring stated that they originally were looking for a new shredder as the currently one works sporadically but decided in lieu of that, they would put the money towards a new computer.

If they couldn't get the shredder to work, they have the ability to have Ms. Roberts send it to be shredded.

Chairman Pitman stated that they would add that amount in and forward to the Budget Committee.

Selectman McGarry stated that the budget would go to \$3,014.00 to which the total was agreed on.

Regular Business:

Review of Outstanding Minutes of 8/27/18

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to approve the minutes of 8/27/2018 as prepared

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Payroll Manifest – \$62,542.94 (gross) 49,639.63 (net)

Motion: Selectman Shute moves to approve the Payroll Manifest

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Accounts Payable Manifest - \$59,223.02

Motion: Selectman Shute moves to approve the Payroll Manifest

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Intent to Cut – UNH – Map 406, Lot 36 – Saddleback Mountain Road

Letter to Ms. Nancy Witcher – Rocky Hill, CT

Chairman Pitman read the letter that is being sent to Ms. Witcher regarding the parcel of land along North Road, Route 107, Map 208, Lot 003, .4 acre listed as owner unknown.

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to allow the Board to sign the letter to Ms. Witcher

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

MS-1, Summary of Evaluation

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to approve the Board of Selectman to sign the MS-1

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Revised Estimated Revenues – MS-434

Motion: Selectman Shute moves to approve to allow the Chairman to sign the MS-434

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Proposal from the Town of Deerfield to the Deerfield Fair Association for EMS Coverage and Fire Coverage during the Deerfield Fair with a total cost of \$16,950.00

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to approve proposal for EMS and Fire Coverage at the Deerfield Fair

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained – Motion Carries

Pole Location Plan from NHEC – Adding a new pole

Motion: Selectman Shute moves to approve the Chairman to sign the Pole Location Plan from NHEC

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

The Chairman stated that the policies from the last meeting regarding health and dental insurance have been updated to allow only active employees will have their deductible paid above and beyond.

Ms. Cady asked the Chairman to explain what it is that was being updated.

Chairman Pitman stated that it was the policy on the deductible for health and dental insurance.

Motion: Selectman Shute moves to approve the policies as updated for health and dental insurance deductibles

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Mr. Harrington stated that the deductible currently full-time staff who have health insurance get an additional benefit regardless of the deductible amount, depending on the health insurance that the town carries, the employee is responsible for the first \$500.00 and the town picks up the rest to meet the deductible.

This benefit has been offered to previous employees, ones that have retired from the town but are still on the health care plan. This amendment changes that only offering that deductible offset to current, full-time staff and no longer to retired staff.

Assessing Office – Discretionary Easement Release – Howard and Sylvia Maley (property across from the fire station that burnt) 3 Church Street.

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to approve the removal of the easement at 3 Church Street as there is not a barn there after the fire

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

New Transfer Station Attendant – Curt Tory, Middle Road. Starting Pay - \$15.00, 23 hours a week.

Motion: Selectman McGarry moves to allow the Chairman to sign the Personnel Action Request

Second: Selectman Shute

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

The Chairman read a new policy that needs to be voted on regarding uncollectible checks. It was just an adjustment of the policy changing the amount from \$52.00 to \$37.00

Motion: Selectman Shute moves to approve the Uncollectible Check Fee Policy to charge \$37.00 per RSA 80-56. The Board reserves the right under certain circumstances adjust the \$37.00 fee and only recoup the amount collected by the bank on uncollectible checks.

Second: Selectwoman McHugh

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Town Administrator's Report

None

Unfinished/New/Other Business:

Selectman McGarry stated that just as a follow up to Ms. Nickerson, he stated that he would probably go through and see what he could find on what other towns have done in regards to fireworks. Personally, he would agree with the Chairman that an outright ban would not work. He thought that it should be by permit and that, he thought, could probably work.

He stated that he was hearing some fireworks last night and they were loud.

Chairman Pitman stated that having horses that he agreed that there was a lot of truth in what Ms. Nickerson said.

Selectman McGarry stated that he didn't think that there was any reason for celebrations last night that anyone knew off but they were definitely out there. He will try and put something together on that and the Chairman stated that he thought Ms. Nickerson would love to help.

Selectman Shute stated that he would love for the Board to take a look at Hartford Brook. The first soccer jamboree was held there last Saturday. He thought that there were close to 200 people there. The fields are lined for soccer. The concession building is up and running. It's being run by the 8th grade as a fund raiser for their trip to New York.

A lot of people have done a lot of work. There is a banner there thanking a lot of volunteers for putting their time into it. He stated that he thought everyone on the Board should go by and look at it and maybe on a Saturday when there are some games going on.

Chairman Pitman stated that the road crew has started on Gulf road and have made a big dent in it. They have already set the big retention tank and if it doesn't pour hard tomorrow, the grinding will be done. They didn't want to chance any silt going into the lake. It is going well now that they are there.

It was asked about the traffic but it has been fine.

Chairman Pitman asked for coverage at the polls on Tuesday.

Citizen's Comments:

Ms. Cady – Old Centre Road

She stated that several times she has heard that there is one bid and it bothers her that there's no request for proposals going out to companies that may be interested.

To have accepted to spend \$21,000.00, \$22,000.00 without having sought out the person that has been maintaining it as was stated by Ms. McHugh

She also stated that Chief Fisher stated that there were seven or eight other companies.

Ms. Cady stated that if she had been on the Board, she would have set aside and refuse the bid and requested that the Board go back out looking for Request for Proposals from companies.

It just seems like this is the fifth or sixth time that she has heard that the Board has accepted when there has been only one proposal or bid.

If you were looking for oil bids which you have in the past, you would send letters to the oil companies, seven or eight of them and you got back six or seven bids. She sees no reason not to do the same with any equipment in this town.

Secondly, to say that they are only going to buy one computer, especially for the Supervisors of the Checklist, the state will not allow the election material to go on any, unsecured system and if there are no updates, that's considered an unsecured system.

Knowing that Windows 7 is not going to be supported in 2019, not only the supervisors but all computers in the town should be looked at or are we going to have to bid out a lot of IT equipment at this time.

That's looking at what needs to be presented to the budget committee.

Mrs. Nickerson mentioned something about grenades. Ms. Cady stated that grenades are illegal for any citizen to hold. They have to go to only licensed people. In fact, a friend of hers went to jail because he tried to buy grenades.

The ATF manages that and if there are some people on Middle Road using grenades on Middle Road, then we need to call the ATF in and have an investigation made.

There's certainly a reason to have a fireworks ordinance. When fireworks are set off, especially in the very dry season and it starts a forest fire, we could lose half the town.

She stated that she didn't know why the town hasn't done it in the past. She thought that before they allowed the fireworks at the Deerfield Fair, they had to get permission so she was assuming that the town had a regulation on fireworks. She is glad that Ms. Nickerson brought it up.

Chairman Pitman stated that the next meeting was September 17th.

Ms. Waring asked to speak regarding Ms. Cady's point of when Ms. Waring was talking about the computers, she was not talking about all the computers in the town are invalid with Windows 7 because I'm sure that Steve is updating them all to Windows 10.

She was talking about the fact that the Supervisor of the Checklist's computers are old and they were refurbished when they were bought so she was pretty sure they were old. Steve's recommendation was not to update them to Windows 10. It wasn't because all the computers in the town, because Windows 7 is no longer used, that everybody needs new computers.

Motion: Selectman Shute moves to adjourn at 6:29 p.m.

Second: Selectman McGarry

Discussion:

Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

Next Meeting: Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:30 pm

*The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Dianne L. Kimball, Recording Secretary
Pending approval by the Board of Selectmen*