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MINUTES
January 11, 2013

The meeting began at 7 p.m. In attendance were Chairman David Crandall, Commissioners Mike Martin, Tom Dumont and Secretary, Terry Atwood.

The board noted that the two Highway laborers were both out due to medical reasons. One employee has been out on extended medical leave. Discussion followed and it was stated that the town, as well as the employee, should be protected from potential further injury. David Crandall made a motion to require George Mershon to be seen and cleared by a town appointed doctor before he can return to work. Tom Dumont seconded the motion. Motion was voted unanimous. A letter will be sent to George informing him of the Board's decision. A doctor's appointment will be scheduled by the personnel attorney's medical service. Mike Martin made a motion to designate Dave Crandall as the point person/liaison between the personnel attorney and the Board regarding this employee issue. Tom Dumont seconded the motion. Motion was voted unanimous.

The minutes of 11/26/2012 were accepted as written.

The Board discussed the temporary trailer next to Central Cemetery for use by the state during the reconstruction of McGovern's wall. An electrical permit was pulled; however, the service is not yet connected. National Grid needs to come out and connect the service. Mike stated that a change in the plans was submitted by the contractor and the state is waiting to hear whether or not the change has been accepted. Mike informed the state that the town did not want any changes made from the original plan. He was told that the town had the final decision.

The salt shed engineering bid was discussed. No new developments to date. Tom asked Terry to email him Danice's request for a summary of dates regarding the bid progress to date. The Board remains anxious to make progress on this matter.

The bridge at Main St./Salmon Brook was discussed. The latest inspection reports were reviewed.

The accident on Kemp St. between a resident's vehicle and town sander was discussed. Town counsel's decision was agreed upon by the road commissioners and selectmen. Town counsel will inform the resident.

Terry stated that both Hardy St. and Brook St. paving have been reimbursed by the state with Chapter 90 funds. The board decided that Oak St. will be paved this spring both because it is need of repairs and also to prepare for additional traffic when Main St. is closed for the bridge repairs.



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The FY14 budget was discussed. Terry stated that the 2008 truck loan has been paid in full. A meeting will be set up to work on the budget request once it's received from Fincom.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Atwood
Highway Secretary