

Board of Selectmen
Meeting
July 14, 2008
7:00 pm

MINUTES

The meeting was properly posted. McAuley, Anderson and Hardwick present constituting a quorum. McAuley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Poor Farm Road is progressing with a construction completion date of 8/1. Cost of asphalt is increasing. The binder coat is expected to be completed in August. The wear coat depends on cost and what is remaining in the warrant article.

Ann Stewart has complained that storm water is bypassing the sewer drains on Oak Hill Road and flowing under her barn. McAuley referred her to DOT who declined responsibility. The town has no power to enforce DOT'S road project problems. The sewers were engineered by DOT as part of the Main Street project. McAuley agreed to send a letter to DOT.

Sara Pyle discussed complaints relating to the Clark property and whether he was operating a business. Polly Freese observed that Clark is trying to hide his vehicle's registrations and inspections from view. McAuley was going to confer with town counsel to see if a cease and desist order was appropriate.

Becky Moul discussed Transfer Station subjects. Concrete blocks should be placed at the rear of the fire pit for safety per the fire department. She proposed a facility maintenance checklist and cut the bamboo at the fire pit. The paper should be cleaned up and job descriptions enforced. Evaluations were never adopted. Personnel policy was never adopted. The Waste Disposal Committee feels employee evaluations are important to show strengths and weaknesses. The committee recommended moving the Transfer Station from the building to posts in the ground at the fence line. The committee is moving forward with the facility layout plan. Carbee and Danforth are conferring regarding the wetlands delineation. Possibly a warrant article should be drafted to pay for changes.

Anderson agreed to contact town counsel concerning the progress of the Personnel Policy review.

FIHS proposed a plan to remove knotweed (bamboo) from the town offices from both sides of the parking lot (see attached letter). Abutter Kiblin did not agree. Carbee will contact Kristin Ogashakowi (sic) for permission to remove south side of parking lot. Hardwick moved, McAuley second to allow knotweed to be burned in the parking lot with permit. Passed 3-0.

McAuley moved, Hardwick seconded, to remove the stop signs on Russell Station Road at Woodward Hill Road, leaving only Woodward Hill Rd. Passed 3-0.

The Board agreed to table until 7/21 a proposal to discontinue the use of PA-28, Inventory. Passed 3-0.

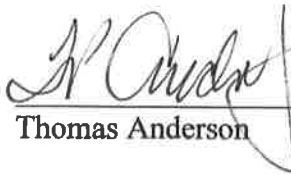
Polly Freese was appalled that dog feces was not being policed on the town office grounds.

Gary Slamin asked if there was a Highway Department policy concerning truck idling. Hardwick agreed that the Board should look into the issue and adopt a non-idle policy.

Sara Pyle was not pleased with the background of the proposed website and the font size was "bordello-like". She also asked when the second meeting with the designer was planned. McAuley advised the planner was on vacation.

Anderson moved, McAuley seconded to adjourn. Passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

William McAuley



Thomas Anderson

Betsy Hardwick