

Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
July 21, 2008  
7:00 pm

MINUTES

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

Greenfield Road resident Richard Connor raised the issue of violation of RSA and town ordinance concerning business run by Anthony Clark. Connor contends recycling and junkyard are the same under the statutes and that unregistered vehicles violate the town's ordinance. Clark's operation is a nuisance and diminishes property values in the area. McAuley raised three issues: (1) is it a junkyard? (2) is it an auto repair business?, and (3) is it a towing business? The Planning Board has not heard a response from the Board's letter to Clark requiring a site plan review. Town counsel recommends court action in the form of a cease and desist order. Anderson moved, McAuley seconded authorize town counsel to proceed. Carried 3-0.

Main Street resident Ann Stewart appeared and read a letter to the Board into the record (see attached) concerning the malfunctioning storm water catch basins at Main Street and Oak Hill Road installed by the DOT as part of the Main Street reconstruction project of 2004. Water is bypassing the catch basins and undermining her barn. McAuley stated that since DOT engineered and installed the basins, the town can't move them without talking responsibility for them. Stewart stated that DOT employee Leonard told her it was a town road and therefore a town problem. Stewart further stated that the catch basins, interceptors and water run off from Oak Hill must be redesigned, reconstructed and addressed regardless of cost to the town. Hardwick asked if there was an agreement between DOT and the town. Stewart advised that if the Board did nothing after 10 days, she would, "do other stuff". Anderson objected to accepting photographs supplied by Stewart because they did not adequately describe what was depicted. McAuley agreed to draft a letter to DOT explaining the town's position.

Becky Moul discussed various Transfer Station issues including purchase of a weed wacker for transfer station use and a facility maintenance checklist. Anderson agreed to instruct employees to use the highway department equipment and discuss the checklist with the employees.

Barbara Jean Carbee inquired if poison was available to kill Japanese knotweed. Ben Watson observed that applying apple pumice to the knotweed was a more environmentally responsible alternative to Round-up. Polly Freese observed that salt also kills knotweed. Carbee stated Watson is late to the party and that there was more than enough knotweed elsewhere in town for Watson to kill using apple pumice.

Freese complained about the garden in the triangle formed by Oak Hill Road and Main Street. It looks lovely but is so overgrown that it cuts automobile driver's visibility.

The Board moved to table (3-0) discussion into continuing the use of PA-28 Inventory forms. Anderson moved, McAuley seconded to deny rental of town hall equipment without renting the building. Carried 3-0. The board discussed recommended changes in the meeting structure with a working session for the board and a public forum section at the conclusion of the meeting.

Anderson moved, McAuley seconded adjournment of the public meeting and going into non-public session. Carried 3-0. Board entered non-public session at 8:09 pm.

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William McAuley

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Betsy Hardwick



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Thomas Anderson