

Minutes of November 11, 2008

In Attendance: Becky Moul, Paul Ellis, Cathy Gombas, Sara Cox and minutes taker Johanna Moul.

Absent: Scott Carbee

Meeting opened at 7:04pm

Minutes were reviewed and approved as follows:

May 30, 2008 – Becky motions to accept as is, Sara seconds, All in favor.

July 8, 2008 – Kathy motions to accept as is, Becky seconds, All in favor.

August 12, 2008 – Sara motions to accept as is, Cathy seconds, All in favor.

August 28, 2008 – Sara motions to accept as is, Paul seconds, All in favor.

September 18, 2008 – Paul points out a couple of needed spelling corrections. Becky motions to accept minutes with spelling corrections, Paul seconds, All in favor.

October 14, 2008 – Sara motions to accept as is, Cathy seconds, All in favor.

Johanna has just moved and no longer lives in town. Voted unanimously to keep her on as our Minutes taker as she still wants to do the job.

The group next talked about Paul leaving the commission when his term is up in March of 09. Becky stated that the team could use his expertise in the upcoming months of planning and possible construction activities. She asked him if he had any issues with the WDC. He stated his issue is not with the commission but with the Selectmen not doing as they had said they would and support the commissions recommendations: such as the employee evaluations and handbook. The checklist that was brought before them was denied with no rationale. That is unacceptable. If they deny something we are recommending they should provide justification for their decision. Paul has agreed to sign up for a 1 year term in March to assist in upcoming changes.

Becky attended the Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, Nov. 10th. She thanked them for having the highway dept. put the blocks around the burn pile. She explained the idea of the Informational 3 ring binder. The Selectmen agreed it was a good idea. Becky will go back to the Selectmen with a completed binder for approval.

She spoke with them concerning the Selectmen providing rationale when rejecting a recommendation from the commission. They agreed going forward they would provide rationale on any recommendations they rejected.

Coverage during station hours was discussed. On a Sunday one of the attendants went home sick leaving only one attendant at the station. Becky

believes this is 1) against the law and 2) a very unsafe practice. It is also illegal to leave the station and come back, during your shift, for anything other than illness or emergency, in which case someone from the call list would be notified; UNLESS there is a fill in for that time. The attendant should have a list of people to call to fill in. Becky is state certified and has volunteered to be on the call list. Sara Cox and Cathy Gombas have also volunteered to be on the call list. The Selectmen agreed there should be a call list. The commission, as a whole, has decided to go to the next Selectmen's meeting and express our concern for the safety of the attendants and residents at the transfer station. We should be following the law and an employee should not leave during their assigned shift without a fill in.

The last topic was the budget. She asked what was being done to rectify the transfer stations budget? It has many incorrect entries. Tom indicated he would have to go thru the invoices for this year. Becky volunteered to help. The other thing she announced to them was we are now paying \$30 per ton plus the haul charge of \$225 for paper and plastic. Something we were getting paid \$77.5 (paper) and \$20 (co-mingled) per ton. This is going to have quite an effect on the budget previously determined. Becky and Tom are going to get together and try and come up with some new numbers. This could be a last minute detail in the budget depending on the market. It is the market and world wide financial crisis that is driving these things.

The Public Hearing: Paul and Becky will get the white board to the Meeting Room the week of Thanks giving. Sara has volunteered to draw the footprint on the board. She will have the magnet containers ready for the hearing. We will have the dry erase markers. Becky will ask all the attendants to be at the public hearing.

Next Meeting is December 9th Public Hearing at the Town Offices Meeting Room, 7pm.

Paul motioned to adjourn, Cathy seconds, All in favor,

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Moul