

**Present:** Richard McDermott, Chairman; Larry M. Smith, Vice-Chairman; Maryann Kasprzak, Selectwoman; Lori A. Ruest, Town Administrator; Susan H. Ayer, Secretary; Stephanie Grant, Tax Collector

**MOTION:** To open the meeting in public session

**MOTION:** L. Smith

**SECOND:** M. Kasprzak

**UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION:** To enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c), Matters affecting adversely a person's reputation

**MOTION:** M. Kasprzak

**SECOND:** L. Smith

**UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION:** To seal the minutes of the non-public session

**MOTION:** L. Smith

**SECOND:** M. Kasprzak

**UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION:** To go out of non-public session and resume in public session, at 9:51 AM

**MOTION:** L. Smith

**SECOND:** M. Kasprzak

**UNANIMOUS**

### **HIGHWAY- 2015 ROAD PROJECTS**

The Board reviewed the listing of approved road projects going forward, looking at progress and money allotted.

Under the Paving category, R. McDermott said that he sees that Drinkwater Road has been paved, but Nason Road has not been done, and that it appears the Road Agent did not finish this portion of work due to lack of money. He said he would like to have an explanation, as after adjusting amounts to be used for catch basins and tree removal, he thought the \$153,000 for Drinkwater Road would also cover part of Nason Road.

L. Ruest said that she can't answer the question until she has invoices identifying the work done. R. McDermott said that he would like to keep the money budgeted for tree and limb removal in place although no work is currently scheduled to be done. The money can be used for work as it is identified, and R. McDermott mentioned one large tree on Drinkwater Road that leans over the road and is partially dead. He said that this work would be beyond the capability of the Road Agent.

There was a discussion of this tree and other potentially hazardous trees, and the need to leave the \$5,000 in the budget line for potential problems.

L. Ruest agreed to search the files to see if any of the trees in question had been looked into before. There was a question about ownership of trees on scenic roads, where property ownership goes to the middle of the road, and also about the limitations on removing trees on

scenic roads. The Administrator will also consult with Counsel about what can be done if a property owner refuses to remove a hazardous tree.

### **WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE**

WRM Contractor Jim Ziolkowski did not attend the meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> that had been set up to finalize damages and repairs due to plowing, and also to sign the modified contract. He sent an email saying he did not know he was expected to attend. L. Ruest said that although her email to him only informed him of the meeting, there were several phone calls and conversations that made it clear he was expected to attend.

L. Ruest was asked to contact Counsel about the Town's options regarding the WRM contract.

### **SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING**

Various complaints that have been received about trash pickup were discussed.

L. Ruest noted that reports of missed pickups or complaints must be made through Pinard's phone number that is listed online. This is the best way to address problems, as (for instance) the truck may be able to come back around and pick up missed trash.

Tony Belanger is the point of contact for problems relating to the agreement. R. McDermott talked with him, and he will do a drive around on the next two pickup days to check on the drivers.

R. McDermott said he learned that the rule for picking up on both sides of street, going back and forth, is that it is allowed in small neighborhoods or subdivisions, to save time. It is not allowed on main thoroughfares.

### **ROOFING- MUSEUM AND LIBRARY BUILDINGS**

L. Smith related that a roofer, Mike from High and Dry Roofing, came to look at the slate roof on the historical society museum, and while there, observed a squirrel with a long stick going in through an eave. Beverly Mutrie had been driving by and stopped when she saw the car. She will be e-mailed a proposal for roof repair on the museum building from the contractor, which she will forward to L. Smith, who will then share it with the Town Improvement Committee. Some funds from the last warrant may be used for this, as it is a more critical project.

After inspecting the museum roof, the contractor said he was asked by the Library Director Judy Haskell to inspect the roof of the library. When told that the library roof was only 15 years old he informed her that there is a lawsuit relating to failing shingles for a particular manufacturer, and if that company's shingles were used on the library, there may be some recovery available through the lawsuit.

### **TRUSSING – TOWN HALL**

Peter Robart has been communicating with a company that may be hired to review and report on the trussing work at the Town Hall. Two companies are currently being considered; a decision will be made within a month.

It was observed that the wood floor of the meeting room will need to be refinished soon (2016).

### **PAY AS YOU GO TRASH BAGS**

L. Smith brought an article from the current edition of Towns and Cities magazine to the Board's attention. He said they may want to look again at the option of "pay as you go" trash bags. There

was a short discussion of the pros and cons, and L. Ruest said she will add this topic to the agenda for the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, along with a copy of the article. If the Board is interested, it can be referred to the Solid Waste Committee for review and comment or recommendation.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 10:41.

**MOTION:** L. Smith

**SECOND:** M. Kasprzak

**UNANIMOUS**