



**Board of Selectmen
Minutes
Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 10:00AM
Town Hall Meeting Room**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by Chair, Lucy Wallace in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Selectmen Marie Sobalvarro, Ron Ricci, Bill Johnson, Tim Clark and Lucy Wallace were all in attendance as well as the Town Administrator Tim Bragan and Executive Assistant Julie Doucet.

COUNCIL ON AGING APPOINTMENTS

COA Board members Connie Larrabee and Carlene Phillips were both present. Larrabee introduced Bruce Dolimount for appointment. Dolimount spoke briefly on why he is interested in serving on the COA Board. On a Johnson/Ricci motion, the board voted to appoint Bruce Dolimount to the COA with a term expiring in June of 2014.

(Clark – Nay)

ELDERLY & DISABLED TAXATION AID COMMITTEE

Committee member Rick Maiore presented the BOS with two warrant articles for consideration. Maiore explained the committee composition derives from Chapter 60 Section 3D which requires the Board of Assessors Chair, Town Treasurer and three local residents. He said the articles proposed would allow Harvard to establish its own local fund so we would not be mandated to follow Chapter 60 Section 3D. He said this came up due to the new COA Director not being a resident and realizing there is not a substantial need for the BOA Chair to be on the committee. Maiore explained by doing this we would no longer be able to add a check off on our tax bills allowing residents to donate or pledge a \$1.00 to the fund. He said due to the abundant generosity of town residents the check off box has not been necessary. Maiore suggested having Town Counsel investigate our legal abilities related to a change such as this. The BOS were amenable to this recommendation. Tim Bragan will follow up with Town Counsel on this.

GENERAL STORE – CHANGE OF USE

Sewer Commissioner Rick Maiore reported the Sewer Commission approved a change of use for the General Store allowing seating for 30 for a café/restaurant. He explained this decision needs to be ratified by the BOS. Tim Clark asked for clarity on the role of the BOS. Maiore explained the BOS must ratify any change in use and in the event of a denial the BOS would be the entity to handle an appeal. Maiore explained the commission granted the change after reviewing the flow rate and confirming compliance with the growth neutrality clause in the rules and regulations. He said the rate flow design for this property is 1000 gallons and the proposed use will only utilize 700 to 800 gallons. The commission is satisfied there is enough buffer to proceed on that basis. Ron Ricci asked if this would in any way affect the reserve capacity for the system. Maiore answered no.

On a Johnson/Clark motion, the board voted unanimously to ratify the recommendation of the Sewer Commission relative to the application from Scott Hayward for a change of use.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Charlene Phillips, 7 Oak Hill Road, asked for more information on the Rantoul Elderly Trust account. Tim Bragan said he would look into this for her.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Bragan distributed a packet of information approved by the Sewer Commission for residents in the sewer district. He explained the information will answer many questions and provide documentation necessary to begin connections. The packets will be mailed out this week. He reported three drainlayers have submitted applications which have been approved by the commission.

Bragan described the process in which the regional dispatch legislation has to be approved adding unfortunately a final vote has not been taken. Marie Sobalvarro and Tim Clark offered to contact Rep. Jen Benson and Senator Jamie Eldridge to see what can be done to expedite this process.

Bragan said the Town Hall Building Committee will have their application submitted to the ZBA by January 15th. He expects a hearing to be held on February 13th.

Bragan announced an Entertainment License request has been submitted by the Center on the Common. A public hearing will be held in February.

TOWN CAUCUS

On a Johnson/Sobalvarro motion, the board voted unanimously to set the caucus date for Feb. 9th at 7pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

GIFT OF LAND – ST. JOHN LANE

The Selectmen took some time to view a map of the land presented for donation. Conservation Commission Agent Liz Allard entered the meeting to answer any questions the Selectmen had. Allard said the commission was approached by the sellers and had not yet walked the land. The Selectmen decided they did not have enough information at this time to accept the gift of land. They discussed approaching the sellers to consider donating the land unrestricted. They also were interested in scheduling a site visit to get a better idea of the benefits the land may have for the town.

CHAPTER LAND – 9 DEPOT ROAD

On a Clark/Ricci motion, the board voted unanimously to take no action on the right of first refusal on the Dawson property on depot Road

RESPONSE TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE LETTER – BROMFIELD HOUSE

Lucy Wallace suggested coordinating a meeting with the School and Finance Committees to discuss municipal buildings in need of renovations/repairs. The Selectmen agreed and decided to aim for a meeting near the end of February early March. School Committee liaison Ron Ricci said he will keep up to date with the School Committee on this issue until all parties are able to convene.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM.

Documents referenced:

COA APPOINTMENTS – Bruce Dolimount volunteer form dated 10.1.2012

ELD. & DIS. TAXATION AID COMMITTEE – draft articles dated 1.3.2013

GIFT OF LAND – ST. JOHN LANE – Deed dated 12.4.2012

CHAPTER LAND – 9 DEPOT ROAD – Deed dated 7.2012 & notification letter dated 10.22.2012

RESPONSE TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE LETTER – BROMFIELD HOUSE

Letter dated 12.10.2012