

The Chair, Lloyd Sullivan, called the regularly scheduled public session to order at 3:00pm. Those present included George Lagassa, Jenifer Landman (Selectmen) and Russell McAllister, (Town Administrator).

Questions & Comments

A number of residents and abutters to properties owned by Jim Jones (both 120 & 187 Lafayette Rd.) were in attendance voicing concern over the type of activities occurring on the properties. Mr. Joseph Fitzgerald noted that there were two screeners in operation at the 187 Lafayette Rd. site, which was in violation of the planning board's conditions of approval (only one screener was allowed to be used on site). Mr. Bob Powers noted that noise and vibration from the screening activities occurred directly across the street from his business and that the nuisance made it difficult for him to conduct business. The automobiles at his dealership were constantly covered in dust as a result of the screening operations on 187 Lafayette Road. Mr. Ron Todd complained that Mr. Jones was bringing truckloads of dirt onto the 120 Lafayette Rd. site where Mr. Todd's property abutted. Mr. Todd noted that such activity was in violation of a court order and planning board conditions. Mr. Mark Weatherbee voiced concerns over the origins of the dirt at 187 Lafayette and whether or not the soil/dirt had been tested for contaminants. Mr. Weatherbee noted that the dust caused by the screening operation plumed over his father's mobile home. Mr. Weatherbee noted that his father was elderly and suffered from respiratory problems and that the dust held the potential to compromise his father's health. Mr. Todd also noted that there were errors on the site plan for 120 Lafayette that had yet to be addressed. The Board agreed to address the issue and have the TA direct Town Counsel to initiate appropriate action.

Administration/Business

Mr. Lagassa made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 11th, 12th & 15th. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Minutes - February 11, 12 & 15th, 2002
- b. Payroll
- c. Manifest
- d. Veterans Exemption – Stan Knowles
- e. Elderly Exemption – Walter Parenteau
- f. [Renovation Contract and authority for TA to proceed with contract documents.](#)

The TA briefed the Board on the status of the second floor renovation project noting that the original bid was for \$142,000, but that further negotiations with the general contractor had resulted in cost savings (through substitution) of \$8,532. The total cost was now \$133,668 and that cost was exclusive of new furnishings, window treatments, phones, and data wiring. The TA provided pictures of previously used office furnishings (6 workstation desks, chairs and dividers) that were available for approximately \$8,000 delivered and installed. The TA requested the Board approve the purchase and allow the TA to execute the contract with Hampshire Development Corporation. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to authorize the TA to execute the contract documents and to purchase the furnishings in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

- g. [Motion to proceed with Telecommunications Tower agreement](#)

The Board reviewed language and points of agreement regarding land for the citing of a telecommunications tower. It was noted that the agreement was tentative and dependent upon the passage of a warrant article on this year's ballot. The agreement provided the Town with +/- 1 acre of land for a telecommunications tower. The seller of the property would be paid from the proceeds received from the tower company with an upfront payment and an annual fee. Ms. Landman made the motion to approve the tentative agreement. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

- h. DOT – Driveway Permit

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3:00pm

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator