

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2015
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WORK MEETING**

PRESENT: Mr. David A. Delanski, Chairman, Mr. Dario F. Nardi, Clerk

ABSENT: Mr. Robert E. Lavash, Sr. Vice-Chairman

ATTENDEES: Mr. Ken Lacey; Mr. Michael Baril; Mr. Stanley Soltys

Chairman Delanski called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Shepard Municipal Building.

Chairman Delanski requested if anyone in the audience to disclose if they are recording the meeting- the Board is not. Audience member Michael Baril stated he was recording the meeting.

The meeting is to discuss the Landfill and Mr. Lacey is present representing the Board of Health. Mr. Delanski turned the discussion over to him.

Landfill Discussion:

Updates on the closure process. Board of Health has received their closure certificate and the next plan is maintenance. DEP has reviewed the different sections both landfill/dump and requested work be completed on the back road to leachate field and removal of trees.

On the old dump; remove trees throughout to the bottom of the slope. This section has no liner; it is capped. Concern is trees could blow over and root system could expose material below. The 2nd phase/section has a clay liner and plastic top/cap. 3rd phase/section the newest part has membrane liner and membrane cap most current method of closing.

Thought is to clear a couple of acres of trees. The ideal time to perform this work is during an extremely dry period or the cold season such as now when the ground is frozen. He is estimating the costs of these projects could range from \$30,000.00 to \$60,000.00 with \$10k of that going to roadwork. He has not received any bids to date or obtaining any pricing; this is a preliminary estimate. It is projected that the Landfill Enterprise Fund could offset these expenditures through Retained Earnings without the need for a town appropriation; again these are preliminary estimates for discussion.

Mr. Lacey remarked that DEP had requested the work be done by the end of the year; however the snow this winter has hindered any surveying or engineering work therefore the thought is to go out to bid on the projects sometime late spring through July with work starting Jan/Feb 2016. DEP has been notified of the challenges and has agreed to modify schedule provided there is measureable progress to comply with agreement. Mr. Delanski wanted on record that there will

be two intent Articles on the Annual Meeting Warrant for roadwork and forestry work at the landfill.

There was brief discussion as to the type of trees presently there; possible nature of removal (equipment to be used) and working conditions for optimal outcome. In closing, Mr. Lacey added they (landfill) was considered closed, over the next several months they will start testing on several sites which are to be tested for the first 3-4 years. Some additional sampling sites may be added as DEP would like some tested in perpetuity; as they are private wells. This proactive testing is part of their normal operating procedures and is done to maintain a baseline. Letters from their Engineering firm have gone out to private homeowners informing them of the sample water testing; in the event the Board receives any calls from residents. In closing, Mr. Lacey remarked that everything is progressing; there are few unknowns at this time the budget for the landfill has been submitted and is lower than current year and he forecasts a continued decrease in the budget for the following year. There was a consensus that paperwork and efforts to move forward on DEP requests/agreements pertaining to the landfill are appropriate.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Delanski; Second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorena Prokop
Administrative Secretary

Dario F. Nardi, Clerk