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May 12, 2010
Selectmen's Meeting

Present: M. Richardson, Chairman, A. Richards, C. Guiry DMD & A. A. Milkovits

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM.

Vendor checks were discussed and signed.

Agenda:

Appointments:

1. David Cook, Road Agent, met to discuss the following:
 - Roadside materials brought to Greenwood property on Brookline Road. More complaints were received from Mrs. Lavoie, 35 Brookline Road concerning the Highway Department depositing road fill at the Greenwood property that abuts her property. She is concerned that there may be contaminants in the material that could affect her well. Selectman Guiry advised that any roadside materials should be brought back to the Town pit. In the past, any residents close to "ditching" jobs could receive the fill. After more discussion, Road Agent Cook decided, on advice from the Board, that all ditching materials would be returned to the pit to be recycled on the roads at a later time.
 - FEMA: Road Agent Cook and Selectman Guiry met with the FEMA representative to begin the application process. They surveyed several sites in Town, such as the culvert at the ball field and the culvert at Starch Mill Road. Mr. Cook would like the FEMA agent to see more of the problem sites. Selectman Guiry stated that Mont Vernon has a commitment of \$400,000 from FEMA to repair their roads from the storms. He would like to see Mason receive mitigation funds in with repair monies.
 - Paving: the paving budget will be used on Townsend Road, starting from Depot Road. Mr. Cook has been getting bids for paving and it appears that Brox is the least expensive.
 - Patching: the Highway Department has been patching the worst potholes but there is only enough left in the budget for two more loads. The line will probably be overspent. Selectmen and Mr. Cook discussed some of the road problems and complaints. Chip sealing would help to "waterproof" the roads and extend the life of the paving. All agreed to start fresh on working on the roads by attacking the base. It would be helpful to appoint a committee to start studying the roads for repairs and paving.
2. Theressa Horton, Marcel Road, met to discuss her dog bite complaint. Her dog was bitten by a neighbor's dog and she feels that the owner of that dog is responsible for her vet bills. She is looking for restitution. Since the incident Mrs. Horton has not heard anything from her neighbor concerning the bill and thought that, per RSA 466:21, the Town could pay the vet bill. Police Chief Hutchins was present for this discussion. Chief Hutchins explained that written statements will be taken from each of the parties and then it will be determined whether there will

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be any prosecution. He strongly advised Mrs. Horton to seek civil action through the small claims court. Chief Hutchins will inform the Selectmen of any actions taken.

3. George Schwenk, Trustee of the Trust Funds, discussed the Trustees' investment policy that was formalized on February 14, 2008. He also informed the Board that Town's are now allowed to invest in mutual funds.
4. Darrell Jones, Nutting Hill Road, met to discuss the recent complaints about the noise from his bulldozer and activities on his property. Selectmen also reviewed Building Inspector Kenneth Wilson's report on his inspection of the Jones' property and Pickity Place, which included pictures of the track. Mr. Jones explained that the exhaust on the motocross bike used by his son is quieter than the stock exhaust but is not sure if the exhaust noise is less than 99 decibels as required by the law. He emphasized again that he does not have a commercial race track, that it is only a practice track for his son. His son has a friend who also uses the track but his dirt bike is registered and is legal for this purpose. After more discussion, the Selectmen advised that Mr. Jones should speak to his neighbor, Grimes and that the issue is a civil matter not involving the Town.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

1. Legal: Blair – Copy of letter to Blair's attorney informing him that the Board will abide by the Milford Court's order that included restitution of the lawyer's and court fees.
Re: Dream Barns cleanup – copy of letter to Sharon Malouf, owner of property, concerning timely removal of burn debris.
2. Revision of Highway Block Grant – new amount \$70,151.57
3. FEMA – paperwork concerning eligibility for funding for cemetery – Selectman Guiry will contact the Cemetery Trustees to discuss including care for headstones in the Cemetery By-Laws.
4. 2010 TAN: Approving opinion paperwork from Bond Counsel – First draw from TAN - \$300,000.
5. From DRA – 2009 Equalized valuation: 172,107,410, 2009 Base Valuation for Debt Limits: 172,078,517
6. Police logs
7. Building Permits: #10-06 Sawyer, lot H-32-12, new house; #10-07 Swart, lot B-15-4, finish new house.
8. Temporary Completions: Mason School addition, Mason School renovation
9. From Building Inspector Wilson- report on chicken house at Colleton's: Mr. Colleton will be moving the chicken house to a new location and will call Mr. Wilson for inspection when move is complete.
10. Worker's Comp. claim – no lost time
11. From LGC – 2010 Flu Vaccine Reimbursement Program – no decision at this time to apply for HCS to do the clinic.
12. Other correspondence

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

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