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April 12, 2011
Selectmen's Meeting

Present: C. Guiry DMD Ch., A. Richards, R. P. McGinnity, & A.A. Milkovits

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM.

Vendor checks were discussed and signed.

Agenda:

Appointments:

1. **Road Agent Frederick Greenwood – issues:**
 - **HD Personnel update – Mr. Greenwood discussed further issues with the Assistant Road Agent, David Morrison. Such issues included: unexplained time loss for drug testing appointment, unauthorized time spent at Town Office, and other insubordinate problems. Mr. Greenwood had written up the offenses and counseled Mr. Morrison. He had explained to Morrison the gravity of the situation resulting in his demotion and docking of his pay. Mr. Morrison was very upset about the consequences of his actions. Mr. Greenwood will continue to counsel Mr. Morrison and document positive and negative changes. Mr. Greenwood suggested eliminating the Assistant Road Agent position; the savings in the reduction of pay would save the Highway Department over \$2,000 per year. The savings would be even higher considering the overtime pay, too. He also suggested that the Selectmen consider a stipend of \$60 per week for compensation for the person filling the Road Agent's position during the R.A.'s vacation weeks. Using the stipend would allow cross training of more people by the Road Agent to cover the position and also increase the "depth" of the Department. The Selectmen agreed with his suggestions and are confident in Mr. Greenwood's management style and are happy with the progress the Highway Department has made. The Board will also send a letter to Mr. Morrison to confirm the decisions made by Mr. Greenwood to demote him to Equipment Operator I and to change his pay to \$19.20 per hour effective immediately.**
 - **Hire part-time help – Mr. Greenwood will be conducting interviews for the part-time positions next week. He has had several applicants.**
 - **Vehicles: He will be purchasing a used truck for use by the Buildings, Cemeteries, and Parks Manager.**
2. **Richard Currier, resident, expressed an interest in becoming EMD. He has disaster preparedness experience in the military in his background. Right now he is working part-time but is hoping to have full-time work soon. After more discussion, Mr. Currier stated that he might not be qualified for the EMD position but would volunteer to help out at a shelter, if necessary. Selectmen encouraged him to speak with Jack Moorhouse, our State contact at Homeland Security, to learn more about the EMD position before making a final decision.**
3. **Kenneth Wilson, Building Inspector/House Numbering Agent discussed a problem with one of the house numbers in Town. A fire call was toned for a residence with an address on Route 124 (Old Turnpike Road) when in fact the residence was located on the Class VI section of Reed Road, which caused**

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confusion for the Fire Department to locate the residence. Mr. Wilson is concerned for the health and safety of the residents if the emergency services cannot find them. After more discussion, it was decided that Mr. Wilson would issue a house number on the Class VI Reed Road section; such number to be used for emergency purposes only. Meanwhile the Selectmen would research placing a covenant on the deed for the house number to be recognized for health and safety purposes only and not for establishing a residence on a Class VI road. The covenant would also cover future sale of the property by requiring the new owners to establish a new driveway on Route 124 (Old Turnpike Road). Town counsel will be consulted on this matter.

4. Mrs. Leona Robinson and her two daughters met with the Board for information on the elderly exemption. Mrs. Robinson's husband had recently died and she was concerned about her eligibility for the elderly exemption. Since Mr. Robinson passed away after April 1st the elderly exemption will remain valid for the 2011 property taxes. Mrs. Robinson will have to apply for the exemption on her own behalf next year, if she wishes to receive the exemption. Her daughters also discussed their mother's taxes, due dates, how exemption figured into the tax amount. They were directed to speak with the Tax Collector concerning any tax questions. The daughters also inquired whether their mother could get an abatement but were told that the abatement deadline of March 1st had passed. They also asked whether they could appeal to the state but were told the process had to start with an abatement denial from the Town. Since the Robinsons had not applied for an abatement to the Town there could be no appeal to the State. Mrs. Robinson's daughters also requested copies of their father's application for the elderly exemption and copies of the state abatement appeal approval papers. These will be provided on Wednesday. It was explained to them that only a copy of the actual elderly exemption application is available as all back up information such as bank statements, income tax forms, asset listings are promptly returned to the applicant after a decision is made.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

1. 2011 TAN paperwork was completed and approved and the first draw of \$350,000 was made.
2. Legal: Re: Blair – Mr. Blair had brought in a check for \$25 for the renewal of his junkyard license with a letter stating as “provided by the Town Boards previously”. He refused the attempt to return his check. This information has been sent to Attorney Little for advice.
Re: Vote at Town Meeting – response from Town Counsel – questions concerning when the vote was taken. A copy of the Town Meeting minutes will be sent for clarification.
3. From FCC: CORES data updated
4. 2010 EQ Report – 2010 EQ 108.2%,
5. Highway Equipment Committee final report – Last pickup from the bid sale was sold. Total amount received from the bid sale of vehicles and parts was \$8,250.00

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6. Highway Roads Committee final report - a spreadsheet was provided with surveys and recommendations for maintenance of all town roads, prioritizing the worst areas, as well as a final report. A copy will be forwarded to the Road Agent.
7. From Building Inspector – re: Aguiar Property status update and photos. Report detailed removal of kitchen area appliances and fixtures, washer and dryer, propane gas burner. Second floor bathroom fixtures will be removed and locate don first floor in late spring. Selectmen approve the update for the de-commission of the apartment.
8. Building Permit # 11-03, Iodice, lot F-11, barn
9. Minutes from 2011 Town Meeting
10. Petitioned warrant article for SB 2 for 2012 Town Meeting
11. Current Use application: Rota, lot K-48-1. Selectmen will request a more detailed map showing the area not in current use before approval.
12. Solar energy exemption application: Finch, lot G-76-2. This will be forwarded to Town Assessor.
13. Applications for elderly exemption: Young, lot D-5 and Murto, lot J-68. Selectmen will request more information on income and assets.
14. Application for Veteran's Credit: Varney, lot F-30. Selectmen will request a copy of his DD 214.
15. Order from BTLA for immediate settlement of 2010 abatement appeal for Rocheleau, lot A-22-4. This abatement was approved and refund check will be sent to Rocheleau for 2010 property taxes. Copies of these documents will be sent to the BTLA.
16. From D.E.S. – Request for more information on Matthew LeClair on Standard Dredge and Fill for lot G-55.
17. Police logs and letter from individual. Letter involves a police matter and not the Selectmen.
18. From the Division of Fire Safety – seeking a letter advising whether the town has voted “to allow or prohibit the possession or display of permissible fireworks”. Selectmen tabled this request for further research.
19. Request from New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. for extension of timber cut for lot L-21. Selectmen will approve this extension request.
20. Notice of Application Review and Public Hearing for lot line revision of lots K-40-1, K-40-2 and K-43.
21. Information on Health and Safety Academy attended by A.A. Milkovits. Mrs. Milkovits will run a campaign of town employees to improve their health and safety on and off the job. LGC is sponsoring this campaign and will be donating \$500 to be spent on fostering better health.
22. Other correspondence

Selectmen signed the following:

- Yield Warrant for \$659.69 for lot G-72.
- Cyclical contract with Richard Rockwood.
- Intents to Cut: Spacht Revocable Trust, lot A-16, Fifield Trust, lot D-10

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Barbara L. Milkovits
Admin. Assistant