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[unapproved] Minutes of 5/16/2014 Selectmen's Meeting

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Meeting was posted on 5/14/2014 on the Mann House and Town Hall outdoor bulletin boards, stating the date, time and location of the meeting at the Mason Highway Garage to be held on 5/16/2014 at noon.

Present at the meeting: Charles Moser, chair; Bernie O'Grady, selectman; Louise Lavoie, selectman; and the following Highway Department employees: Roy Lundsted, Ken Caisse; Ken Patria, Tom Lundstedt and Bob Hemmer. Nathan Archambeault was also present for part of the meeting

The Board of Selectmen brought pizza, cookies and soft drinks for the employees, at no expense to the Town.

The Board and the highway employees discussed how the department will function until a new or interim Road Agent is appointed. Roy Lundsted will assign work and interface with the Board of Selectmen. Bob Hemmer will be responsible for delivering the employee's time sheets to the Selectmen's office on Mondays.

The highway crew is interested in getting some training through the free or low cost Road Scholar or similar program run by the state. The selectmen agreed that is a good idea. Selectman O'Grady mentioned that the Hollis Road Agent is willing to do some coaching on operation of the grader. The employees were receptive to that.

Some maintenance needs were discussed. The Selectmen approved replacing the starter on one of the trucks, replacing the rear brakes on the backhoe, and replacing the coiled air hose in the quonset with one that will lie flat on the floor. Other maintenance items were deferred pending selectmen's review of the budget and year to date expenditures of the department.

There was discussion of the budget line item for a hired sweeper. There was consensus that the hired sweeper is better than a truck mounted brush as it takes up the sand rather than pushing it into people's yards. The sweeper will be hired conditioned on Selectmen's review of the budget line to verify line was not already spent, and Roy Lundstedt obtaining quotes for the sweeper.

Safety concerns were raised regarding syringes found on the roadside. Ken Patria, a certified EMT, is usually called upon to dispose of the syringes, otherwise the police are notified to dispose. Concern was also expressed about motorists speeding in work zones, even when they are well marked.

Finally it was pointed out to the Board that the water in the highway breakroom is malodorous and not suitable for drinking or washing.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.