Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Town Offices Date: January 23, 2014

Meeting Opened: 6:00pm Meeting Adjourned: 10:15 pm

Jay Jacobs, Chair ☑ present ☐ absent
Charles Michal ☑ present ☐ absent
Seth Kallman ☑ present ☐ absent

At 6 PM Selectmen opened the posted Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to Recycling Center Ordinances. Recycling Center Manager Phyllis Tarr was present. Copies of the Recycling Facility Ordinance last revised by the Board of Selectmen on January 31, 2013 were provided those in attendance. Also provided were proposed policy changes drafted by the Selectboard. Four members of the public were present. Seth summarized the handout proposal. Suggestions from those in attendance included ‘special purpose’ stickers or stickers (decals) for summer residents/visitors. Comments included we should move to a ‘pay as your throw’ policy and abandon decals, countered by year round residents who were opposed to what they call a slippery slope to high disposal costs. Selectmen noted that they did not want to create added supervision demands or burdens on Town employees to maintain lists or check vehicles registrations. Everybody needs to be treated the same, as well. Whatever options are adopted should be able to be used by all legal residents and property owners. The Board is attempting to introduce options and flexibility. Phyllis stated that she preferred a sticker only policy. Jay closed the Public hearing at 7 pm. Charles moved that the Board table any action on the proposals until a future Selectboard meeting. Any actions will be reflected in newly revised Ordinances.

Phyllis supplied the Selectboard with a petition signed by many residents. The petition asked residents if they wanted to have the Town subcontract Recycling Center operations to outside Contractors who would provide dumpsters. There were no signatures supporting such an idea. (Petition should be scanned and kept as part of Recycling Center records.)

Selectmen met with Barbara Watkins who wished to discuss donations for the Rails to Trails Committee. She stated the Committee was looking to find ways to obtain funds for projects they have identified. They believe they can raise private funds, but are inquiring if these funds can be deposited to Town Accounts and disbursed for the Committee’s purposes. She notes that the groups work is for the Town’s benefit. Selectmen are doubtful this co-mingling of funds can legally be done. Seth will check with LGC and Charles will contact the Town’s Auditor and ask a few questions to be discussed with the group at a future meeting.

Documents signed or reviewed:

Selectboard signed a Maintenance Contract for Services with KEL, the consultant who prepared the Google-Earth based data files for the Town’s Use. KEL will be paid hourly on an as-needed basis.

Signed a Veteran Tax Credit Referral Application for Arthur Hollenbeck of 36 Venable Road (Map-30 Lot-14)

Vachon Clukay & Co provided copies of Standard Forms to Confirm Account Balance Information with Financial Institutions.

Selectmen worked on proposed 2014 Town Budget.

Department Items:


ZBA submitted Meeting Minutes for Wednesday January 15, 2014
Selectboard: Andrea and Angela are requesting approval for some training classes. Specific classes deemed helpful to office productivity will be authorized by Selectmen on a case-by-case basis, budget permitting.

Conservation Commission – Email correspondence among Winston and Ecosystem Management Consultants Rick Van De Poll regarding Harrisville Wetlands.

Other business:

State of NH Executive Governor and Council meeting
Energy Audit
Monthly Market Review
NRRA Annual Town Report Insertion Letter
SWRPC Commission Highlights

Upcoming Meetings:

January 29th – Planning Board Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinances
February 6th – 2014 Budget Hearing
March 11th – 2014 Town Meeting
May 5th, 6th, 7th – Auditor’s will be at the Town Office