Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Town Offices  Date: January 8, 2015

Meeting Opened: 7:00 PM  Meeting Adjourned:

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

1:00 PM:

Selectmen opened the continuation of the December 30th meeting with representatives of Historic Harrisville Inc for discussions on possible involvement of HHI in the disposition of Town Property at 119 Main Street. Kathy Buffum, Kathy Bollurud, Jeannie Eastman, Chick Colony, David Lord discussed points of common agreement with the Selectboard on the future of the property. Everyone agreed it was important to bring the building back on the tax rolls and a common purpose of any collaboration is the provision of workforce housing. Issues surrounding zoning and code regulation remain unresolved. The overall requirements for decision making were outlined by the Board. Additional meetings are anticipated.

Meeting was then adjourned until 7:00 PM

7:00 PM:

Selectmen met with Gus Lerandeau of All States Asphalt, Inc. and Wes Tarr to review budget pricing for asphalt projects. Gus and Road Agent Wes Tarr had viewed and measured the length of most paved roads in town at the Selectmen's request and offered opinions on both the level of effort needed to repair and improve different stretches of road, and the priority that the Town might place on improving different road segments. Gus noted that a good budget for any stretch of road should be based on knowledge of the existing substrates – which could be obtained by taking test cores. Many of the roads would need improvements in underdrainage and culverts, which the Selectboard would want to see done by Town forces. It was agreed that the two highest priority projects were Willard Hill to the top of Hill #4 or Hancock Road from Main Street to intersection of Bonds Corner Road.

Selectmen went into Executive Session to discuss with Welfare Officer Rosemary Cifrino an application for welfare assistance. Selectmen approved funds to cover security and first months for a resident forced to relocate.

Selectmen met with James Sharrock who submitted payment of $1406.18 to affect a partial release of Elderly and Tax Liens due in order to permit a lot line adjustment. Bob Collingsworth accepted the payment and notarized the accompanying agreement.

Selectmen met with Chief Buddy Driscoll who expects to have his budget numbers for 2015 completed soon. Chief Driscoll discussed planned cruiser replacement expected the coming year with the intent to draw on the police equipment trust fund. He noted that gas prices for State contracts are currently running above market, but the state contract will be re-priced in July of 2015 and the Selectboard agrees with Chief Driscoll that staying on a state contract is the best course of action. Chief Driscoll then reported that a final disposition is pending from the town’s prosecutor on Mr. Cucchi’s claims of being impersonated.
Documents signed or reviewed:
Weekly Financials

Vachon Clukay, & Company PC – Agreement for Audit services for March 30, 2015 to be signed by the Selectboard Chair.

Mascoma Savings Bank -- Mascoma Bank returned payroll checks for some employees due to the digital signatures on the Payroll checks. The digital can only show 2 signature (Jay & Anne), Melissa Brien (Paychex rep) confirmed with Sue Silver, and Sue stated that they need an acknowledgement of Cessation of Monitoring of check writing on file. Selectmen will discuss the bank’s position at their next meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:
January 19th – Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)
February 16th – Presidents Day (Office Closed)
March 30th – 2014 Audit