

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Town Offices Date: March 5, 2015

Meeting Opened: 7:00 pm Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm

Jay Jacobs, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Charles Michal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Seth Kallman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Shane Long inquired of the procedures that would need to be followed if he wished to have Aldworth Manor Road be accepted by the Town as a Town Road. He was advised that a petition could be brought to the Selectmen next year to be put on the 2016 Town Warrant, but that he should have engineering opinion that the road was or would be bought up to Town Road standards. Selectmen also advised Mr. Long to get legal advice regarding any existing right-of-way agreements.

Seth reports that Big Foot Co. is about 60% through this seasons gravel crushing operations. Selectmen authorized payment of half the agreed upon sum. Seth noted that the Town should continue to encourage collection of stone, asphalt and concrete debris for future crushing operations. This operation is producing high quality crushed gravel at about ¼ th market price to purchase such gravel.

Documents signed or reviewed:

Weekly Financials – Selectmen reviewed a list of unpaid tax warrants extending back to 2008. The Town is assessing interest on unpaid property taxes. Selectmen will arrange a meeting with the Tax Collector to discuss tax liens.

Selectmen reviewed correspondence from Town counsel Silas Little regarding procedures to be anticipated should the Town be served in John Cucchi's Appeal on a ZBA decision.

Selectmen reviewed an informational poster regarding the proposed Town Garage which will be put on display at the Town Meeting, and if possible at the Town Hall and General Store in advance of Town Meeting.

Maintenance Plans for the three Emergency Generators serving the Town facilities were discussed. Selectmen decided to contract with Powers Generator for a preventive maintenance and generator check for \$960 annually. Selectmen decided to have each Department appoint an individual who will conduct a simplified 'eyes-on' inspection of the generator at their facility will keep the area around the generator clear in the winter for service access and fueling. These individuals will need to complete a written check list and retain records.

Seth observed that the job of Selectman involved all the legal and financial responsibilities described in various publications of the State, but was more than that. He noted that he believed it was necessary for the Selectboard to always be looking at a 'big picture' even when that view can't clearly be aligned to the individual interests or topic of any one board or committee. He noted we couldn't avoid, and had to expect to aid in the conflict resolution around contentious land use issues. Jay stated that ultimately we need to resolve the often conflicting interests and make decisions that serve of the Town best.

Department Items:

Building Inspector – Mike Wilder will be having knee surgery on Tuesday March 17th, he will not be available for inspection duties for the following week.

Conservation Commission-submitted a proposed Agenda from March 4, 2015.

Planning Board – submitted work session minutes from February 25, 2015.

Other Business:

Avitar – Map Maintenance Agreement – Selectmen signed a one-year agreement with Avitar to maintain tax maps.

Primex - Contribution Assurance for Fiscal Year 2016 (Property & Liability) will be reviewed after Town meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 10th – Town Meeting

March 30th – A Town Audit will begin