Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Town Offices  Date: May 21, 2015

Meeting Opened: 7:00 pm  Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 pm

Laurie Blanchard – Laurie introduced a series of delinquent property tax accounts. She explained that there are five total delinquent tax accounts for 2012 that are eligible for deeding. The property owner has until November 8th, 2015 until he will be deeded. The Selectmen will seek counsel as whether or not proper notice has been given, and also inquire about the due process necessary. Word needs to go out that the property will be deeded in November, or it will be foreclosed. Any property that is not under an active contract will be deeded by November 2015, while ensuring that legal notice has been given in advance. Selectmen agreed that any non-elderly or non-disability based lien would be exercised this November if a contract is not in place.

John Newcombe and Ed Goodrich – John and Ed discussed the possibility of proposing a gift of land that they currently own that the town is now using on Stoney Beach Silver Lake. The Selectmen will research their own ability to confirm that they have the authority to accept and negotiate conditions on gifts of land to the town. They will need to consider what liability issues are being added to the town with the acceptance of this gift. John Newcomb and Ed Goodrich would like this settled by the end of the year. The Selectmen took a consensus that they are all in favor of accepting the land as a gift, if possible.

Suzanne Brouilette came to express interest in possibly acquiring the Old Chesham Fire Station for storage ideas for her bee keeping business. Multiple parties are interested in the Old Fire Station, therefore, the Old Fire station will likely be offered in a sealed auction bid when the Selectmen are ready to dispose of it.

197 Rosemary Trail timber cutting (Public present: Doug and Diane Miller, Dan Reed, Winston Sims, Connie Paton, Michael Paton, Douglas Gline.) Douglas Gline, of 163 Rosemary Trail, reports he has filed a complaint with the state of New Hampshire, the Water Division, and Land Recourses regarding the cutting of timber on 197 Rosemary Trail (property of Connie Paton). He has not yet heard from the state regarding their findings. Connie Paton states that she cut down the trees to prepare her land for agricultural purposes (an orchard) and a future home site. The Select Board will need to wait for the report regarding this complaint from the state of New Hampshire. Douglas Gline and the Select Board will plan to meet together again to discuss what the state of New Hampshire decides. They also need to address if there are any necessary permits for the land use post-conversion. Connie Paton’s forester, Dan Reed, acknowledged he is responsible for repairing portions of Rosemary Trail that were damaged when the timber was removed. Doug Gline also stated he believed that there were deed violations when timber was cut along his property line. Selectmen observed that that would be a private dispute outside of Selectmen purview. Winston Sims noted that there were differences between RSA 483:b and the Town’s Article 15 as pertains to treatment of land conversion and timbering uses and the logging operation may have been in violation of local ordinances.

Documents signed and reviewed:
Review of financials for the week ending May 23rd 2015 and signed cash disbursements totaling $4,239.29 . The Select Board signed off on the Contribution Assurance Program for the 2016 year on property and liability coverage.

Department Items:
Selectboard noted that Phyllis has modified her treatment of the slate floor in the Town Office restrooms. Scott Stone will be in to check the bathrooms to submit a proposal for mechanical ventilation.
Planning Board has requested Selectmen appoint Peter Crowell to become a full member and Courtney Cox to serve as an alternate on the Planning Board. Selectmen approve and ask Town Clerk to prepare Oath of Office for Courtney Cox.

Harrisville Planning Board will hold a work session on May 22, 2015 from 8:00am to 10:00am regarding the Master Plan. Submitted copies of meeting minutes for March 11, 2015, March 23, 2015, -April 8, 2015 (cancelation due to storm), April 14, 2015, May 4, 2015, and May 11, 2015.

Recycling Center – provided a Chem Serve Report and Laboratory results for the Harrisville Landfill. Phyllis and Jeannie Eastman created a Common Threads insert regarding Recycling Center rules which will be useful as the busy Summer season gets underway. Selectmen agreed to compensate Common Threads for printing costs of copies of the insert needed.

Tax Collector – Signed a contract for payment of past due taxes and a Notice of Impending Tax Deed for 41 Seaver Road and 57 Seaver Road for Levy Year 2013

Other Business:
Primex – Thank You Letter for continued partnership for the Workers Compensation Program
Town and City for May and June 2015
South Road Bridge – In response to the Selectman’s ongoing efforts to obtain easements necessary for the construction of the proposed South Road Bridge, the Selectman discussed a request by Deborah McWethy. The Select Board agreed to the condition to make improvements to Deborah McWethy’s property following the construction of any temporary bridge. The Select Board wrote and signed a letter to Deborah McWethy addressing this request.

Wes Tarr – Contact has been made with Eversource regarding the streetlights
The Board will undertake a research project regarding retirement insurance and benefits
Town Garage – The Select Board decided to bid the project by June 1st and receive bids by noon on June 18th

Upcoming Meetings:
May 24th – Memorial; Service at 11am
May 25th – Town Office closed
June 11th – Linda Willette from HHI will be meeting with the Selectmen at 7:00pm regarding 119 Main Street.
July 3rd – Fireworks!!!
July 3rd, 4th, & 5th – Old Home Day Weekend
July 5th – Town Office Closed