

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2003

PRESENT: Willis Lord, Eric Herrle, Doug Foglio, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Tom Cyr, Russ Lowell, Dean Look, Bob Fay, Mike DeAngelis, David Woodsome, Denise Everest, Clint Andrews, Terry Jo Fay, Paul Kussman, Dwayne Woodsome and Judy Carll.

Also Present: Winners of the annual poetry contest, family and friends.

Selectman Lord opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Selectman Lord opened the Public Hearing for the renewal of the liquor license for China City. No discussion held. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to close this Public Hearing. Voted. Passed.

Selectman Lord opened the Public Hearing on the request to discontinue a section of Route 202 presented by Doug Foglio, Sr. Explained that this is an old section of 202 which runs through his property. Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to close the Public Hearing. Vote 2-0-1 with Doug abstaining.

Mike DeAngelis hosted the annual poetry contest winners. Terry Jo Fay opened with a reading of one of her poems then the children read the winning poems they had submitted. Overall winner this year was Sarah Day.

Tom Cyr addressed the board to explain the new equipment that we will be purchasing for the videotaping and what capabilities it will allow us such as recording onto DVD instead of VHS tapes.

Patti McIntyre was not present so have postponed her request for a warrant article to next week.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Opened the bids for municipal parking lot snowplowing. Bids were as follows:
D & R Paving - \$5545.00
McCoy Trucking & Excavation - \$7500.00
Knight Property Management - \$7499.00
Expressed some concern that perhaps the low bidder wasn't bidding on the same things as the other two. Will meet with him in a workshop on Thursday at 9 a.m.
2. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to revoke the order against John Maguire and to authorize the Administrator to reinstate it if deemed necessary.
3. Discussed the request from residents on Belanger Drive to have a street light installed at the end of the road. Doug explained that it does not qualify under our street light ordinance as it exists now. Eric suggested sending this to the Road Review Committee for their consideration.
4. Discussed with Impact Fee Study Committee members what is expected. Dwayne Woodsome questioned what funds are available to the committee. Also stated that he is not certain that their report will be ready for Town Meeting. Discussed them putting a budget together.
5. Discussed the addition to relocate the oil tanks, will have to drain the a/c and move the unit and this will create storage for the snowblower, lawnmower etc. Will include a roof over the a/c unit. Doug to get prices.
6. Stated that they will not accept the resignation of Tim Neill from the Planning Board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed the heating system in the annex. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to hire Tony's HVAC to take care of the problems. Voted. Passed. Discussed the heating system at the Library. Will need to hold a Special Town Meeting for the funds to replace the boiler. Also need to reline the chimney which is not included in the bid. The Special Town Meeting will be to raise funds for the addition, the library heating system and the Impact Fee Study Committee.

Will hold the Special on December 16th at 7 p.m. Will request that the Finance Committee meet with the Selectmen next week at 6:30 prior to the Selectmen's Meeting.

2. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to accept the resignations of Joe and Linda Fortunato from the Library Board of Trustees with regret. Are pleased to hear that they will stay involved with the Friends of the Library. Voted. Passed.
3. Willis reported that he has received a letter from CMP regarding the onrush circuit upgrade to operate the baler. Will cost \$372-\$496. Willis stated that he is looking into a smaller baler. Explained that the roto-phase required for the baler from LL Bean will cost \$6,500 making the total \$41,450. A new smaller baler will cost \$49,815 with \$2,900 for the roto-phase for a total of \$53,715. Eric felt that at this point they should cancel the referendum vote. Paul Kussman also recommended canceling the referendum but expressed displeasure at this being done without involving the Transfer Station Committee after they had done all the work on the original baler. Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to cancel the referendum. Voted. Passed.

OTHER

1. Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to approve the Liquor License Renewal for China City. Voted. Passed.
2. Motion by Eric and seconded by Willis to close the section of 202. Vote 2-0-1 with Doug abstaining.
3. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to accept the minutes of 11/4/03. Voted. Passed.
4. Discussed the overhead stairs and the problems with them. Eric suggested sending a letter to the company giving them a period of time to complete the project and correct the deficiencies.
5. Need to include in the contract that "snow is to be removed from all pavement". Discussed re-bidding the snowplow contract. Motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to award the contract to D & R Paving providing they agree to the change to clarify that the snow is to be removed from the asphalt. Dana Brown agreed to this change. Voted. Passed.
6. Discussed the tax title property process. Willis suggested perhaps abating taxes on the property sold at the auction this year. Doug stated that they need to clean up the process. Will place on next weeks agenda.
7. Discussed advertising again for a committee secretary and the need to appoint a Town Clerk.
8. Motion to go into Executive Session for a poverty abatement for General Assistance at 9:15 p.m.
9. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to come out of Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.
10. Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to grant the poverty abatement. Voted. Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Doug and seconded by Eric to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Voted. Passed.

SIGNED:

Warrant for Bills and Payroll

1. Minutes of 11/4/03
2. Abatements
3. MSAD #57 Warrants
4. End of Life Contract

APPROVED

Date _____
