

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 29, 2007

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Dennis Abbott, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Willis Lord, Ray Davis, Nancy Johnson, Paul Verrill, Sr. and Fred Fay.

Selectmen Grover explained the Executive Session will be moved to next week and opened up the meeting at 7:13 p.m. with the pledge.

Announced the passing of Bertha McAloon and held a moment of silence in her memory.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed the need to vote to reduce the budgets by requiring the employees to pay a 10% share of their insurance. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to put employees insurance on the agenda. Vote 5-0-0, Amended to include pay increases. Vote 5-0-0. Stated that they need to send a letter to the Teamsters as soon as possible. Selectman Gale stated that he always felt thee should be a share but was willing to wait another year but the voters spoke clearly and he wants to uphold the voters wishes. Selectman Girard stated that she has look at other community's benefits and after looking at 20 towns, nine of those towns require the employees to pay 10%. Stated that she also looked at what the premiums were and found that we are pretty high. Felt that there is a more standard policy which would save us the \$800 which is what we are requiring the employees pay. Selectman Gale stated that he feels town meeting was not just voting to reduce cost but also voting for the concept of employee participation. Selectman Grover stated that they have already sent out a letter to the union and employees as we'd like to give them about a month. Attorney is drafting the letter. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott that the employees this year be offered single subscriber 90% to be paid by the town and to include all employees and any part-time employees to be pro-rated. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott that raises take effect July 1st as voted at town meeting. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Selectman Gale suggested that a Selectman sit with Dave and develop a job description. Selectman Grover suggested that he could keep SRC-TV up to date. Selectman Girard suggested that we put something on the bulletin board listing current committee openings. Discussed moving the web-site. Selectman Grover stated that they can discuss when they meet.
3. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott to appoint Nathan Ford, Paul Gilson, Sheryl Harmon, Bob Gobeil, Sandra Ford and Virginia Schaefer to the Old Home Days Committee for terms expiring June 30, 2009. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to appoint Ben Gilson, Sarah McAlevey and Glen Willette to the Old Home Days Committee for terms expiring June 30, 2008. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Selectman Abbott reviewed the spreadsheet he had prepared on road work from the storm. Fred stated that he did not include Scooter Way. Selectman Abbott stated that they need a number to install the culvert on Bennett Hill Road. and also need to know which road \$68,000 went to Foglio, Inc. for. At this point have spent \$147000 and looks as though it will still total \$250,000 to \$260,000. Questioned what additional work has to be done. Stated that FEMA is coming Thursday morning. Fred stated that the bridge on Mast Camp Road needs some work and Hamilton Road needs rip rap. Will cost about \$253,000 just in paving. Discussed a grant for Chadbourne Ridge Road and Carthage Development. Felt with Contract Zoning that could come into play. Selectman Girard reported that she believes they have been approved for the first phase of ten homes. Selectman Abbott stated that he hopes to wrap this up by Thursday morning. Selectman Grover questioned Fred if he would review the water flow on Hamilton Road with FEMA.

OTHER

1. No committee reports.

2. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Abbott to accept the minutes of 5/22/07 as written. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott to accept the corrected minutes of 5/8/07. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Girard abstaining.
3. Selectman Grover read reminders. Also noted that Friday, June 1st at 6 pm there will be a memorial service for Bertha McAloon at the Town Hall.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

1. Willis reported that the hearing on the County Budget will be held tomorrow evening. Has not seen the new numbers so not sure of our share has changed. Selectman Girard stated that they are looking at laying off 5 people and if the District Attorney has to lay off personnel they will not be prosecuting as many cases.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Selectmen Gale and seconded by Selectmen Abbott to adjourn at 8 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll.

1. Minutes of 5/8/07 & 5/22/07
2. Deed

APPROVED:

Date: _____
