

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 11, 2007

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Pam L'Heureux, Tina Cote, Nancy Roberge, Wade Roberge, Brenda Roberge, Jason L'Heureux, Fred Fay, Janice Young and Richard & Ruth Sevigny.

Meeting called to at 7:00 p.m. by Selectman Grover with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 – Opened bids for new mower. As follows: F.M. Abbott - \$5,319 and \$7,919, Shaw's Ridge - \$6,300 and Westcott & Sons - \$6,750. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the bids and that Nancy and Mike review and report back next week with a recommendation. Vote 4-0-0.

7:15 – Nancy Roberge presented a notarized document from Sadie Carll York Leavitt showing ownership of Eon Way. Stated that Jon Tufts had said that Eon Way meets town specs and she is here to obtain acceptance of this gift and to make Eon Way a town road. Selectman Gale questioned why the town should accept this road and Nancy stated that it was once a town road but never legally accepted. Wade stated that it was maintained by the town for 17 years and has now put the property owners in a hardship. Nancy stated that they purchased their home through Farmer's Home and they don't sell homes on private roads. Questioned what would happen if they were to find out it has reverted to a private road and Tina Cote stated that they could call the note because it is federally funded. Richard Sevigny stated that he has in his possession 4 documents that show it listed as a town road. Selectman Grover stated that they sent these documents to the town attorney today and his recommendations are that it be sent to Road Review which apparently has already been done, the proposed deed to the Town is not a deed but merely a grant of a right of way which is limited to the property owners and limits the public's right to use the road and finally should require that there be some opinion of title that the proposed grantor actually owns the property unencumbered so the Town does not inadvertently accept real estate that is either encumbered by third party rights that would impact the public's use of the property or accept less than the full title based on a determination that other parties should join in the deed. Wade stated that he has spoken with Cliff Moran and he has agreed to bring back up to specs prior to being taken over by the town. Fred stated that there is not a great deal of work that needs to be done and Cliff could do it quite easily. Selectman Gale also questioned if there are liens on the property which Nancy agreed to research. Tina offered to certify the title as she works for a title company and Nancy will get the abutters to sign off. Selectman Girard expressed concern that this will be setting a precedent and questioned how many others will come in if they do this. Selectman Moore stated that there is not another road in this town that was always a public road until a few years ago. Selectman Gale stated that he would like to hear from the public on this. Selectmen Gale requested that we get the information as suggested by the attorney, an updated review from Road Review, proof of ownership and proof of no liens. Selectman Grover suggested that we also get a second opinion from MMA. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to not vote on this and put off until we have more information and to also send to MMA for a second opinion. Vote 4-0-0. Will provide a copy of the letter from the attorney to the residents so they know what they have to do. Selectman Girard stated that once they bring the information back they will have to hold a road layout hearing.

7:30 – Fred explained that the bid from Southworth-Milton is the one approved at town meeting. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Girard to put this on the agenda as the first item under New Business. Vote 4-0-0.

REPORTS

A) Town Administrator

1. Reported that we have received a letter from DEP regarding a petition they received from residents. They are requesting that the summer level be lowered by 10 inches and the winter level so that at least 2 feet of shoreline is showing all around the lake. Setting up a meeting with the lake association and also sent the information to Forrest Bell of York County Soil for his input. Town has to respond to this and then DEP will set a Public Hearing. Stated that she spoke with Charlie Brown of Sebago Tech about this and in order to lower it the 2 feet for winter would have to start the first of August and would take until the first of November. Also stated that all boats would have to be out by mid-August because the boat launch would be dry by that point.
2. Reported that she has received the start-up kits so will be starting to take debit/credit cards soon. Has already contacted Trio and it is set up in the computer.
3. Reported that MMA Risk Management did an inspection on July 31st. Received a letter stating that by October 29th we need to have an action plan in place. There were two recommendations for the Highway Dept. which are to check the fire extinguishers on a monthly basis and obtain the M.S.D.S. sheets for all chemicals stored. Only recommendation for the town office is to replace the exit signs over the doors. He knows they were there the last time but for some reason they have disappeared.
4. Reported that Charlie Brown of Sebago Tech called to say that he is aware the town is looking for a planner and wanted us to know that they have a town planner on staff and is available on an as needed basis.

B) Selectmen's Report

1. Selectman Girard gave an update on the tax issue she reported on last week. Stated that this is a state issue and that the town can not do anything, we have to abide by state law. If the citizens want this changed they need to contact their legislators.
2. Selectman Girard reported that she spoke with Jane and Sullie's has been closed for a couple of weeks. This week they are working to take care of these issues.

C) Committee Reports

1. Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the bid from Southworth-Milton for \$8,781.00. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the job description for the Town Planner position as written. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Discussed scheduling a workshop with the Finance Committee and Janice reported that she will be proposing that they meet the first and third Wednesdays or possibly Thursdays because they currently have a conflict with the Road Review Committee and their secretary. Will come back next week to schedule the workshop. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to table until next week. Discussed the workshop scheduled for Sept. 25th to discuss rescue billing and collections. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to change the meeting from 7:00 at the town hall to 6:15 at the Fire Station since they will be there already to inspect the water damage and trees that they want to cut down. Vote 4-0-0.
4. Selectman Gale stated that he will be gone for two weeks but would like to discuss committee mission statements and by-laws as soon as he returns. Felt that each committee should look at what they have right now and work with their Selectman representative. Will schedule a workshop for October 2nd at 5:30. Selectman Moore stated that she will be attending the Sept. 26th

meeting of the Finance Committee and they can work on it then. Selectman Girard that the committees were only looking at Mission Statements but was not aware of By-Laws. Selectman Gale stated that they should give the committee guidelines on what should be included. Selectman Girard stated that if they are expecting committees to do by-laws then we should notify them. Selectman Grover stated that they need to be tailored to each committee. Selectman Moore stated that a lot is already in the Charter and Selectman Girard quoted from the Charter that each committee needs to have by-laws.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to schedule a meeting on October 30th with F.E.T., lake association, Parks & Rec. Director, game warden and state biologist to discuss the issues with the lake from ice fishing. Vote 4-0-0.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the minutes of 9/4/07 as written. Vote 3-0-1 with Selectman Gale abstaining as he was not present for the meeting.
3. Selectman Grover read the reminders.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss when to hold town meeting. Selectman Gale would support June.
2. Capital Plans
3. Zero based budgeting. Janice stated that having worked with this it takes three times as long to prepare. Will need someone available to answer questions and Julie will be buried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Selectmen Gale and seconded by Selectmen Girard to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll
Minutes of 9/4/07

APPROVED:

Date: _____

