

Selectboard Minutes – September 28, 2010

Public: Ember Tilton, Roger McCrillis

Selectboard: Phil Gates, Peggy Ainsworth, Larry Trottier, Joan Goldstein, Ernie Amsden

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Ember Tilton came before the board to discuss two parking tickets, #5084 and #5120. He questioned how the two hours was determined and how it was recorded. He also questioned the placement of one sign. The board voted to abate ticket #5120 (on a voice vote of 3 to 1, Mr. Amsden voting in the negative) and Mr. Tilton paid ticket #5084. Mr. Tilton also thought that there should be signs specific to towing instead of just no parking signs. Mr. McCrillis will try to find an additional 2 hr. parking sign to place on lower Chelsea Street.

September 14 and August 31 minutes were accepted as amended.

A cell phone contract for 2 lines was approved for the police department at a cost of \$719/yr.

Mr. McCrillis reported that a culvert at Mr. Hein's driveway has been cleaned and repaired.

Mr. Amsden reported that he has contacted our lawyer in regards to the Bloss-Ballou Road issue. Our lawyer will be contacting the Hodgdon's lawyer. Our goal is to let the Hodgdon's know that we would prefer to work out an alternate route for the north end of the road rather than see them required to tear down the barn and drain and fill the pond.

Mr. McCrillis reported that we will need to have a plan for the plowing of Lover's Lane in the future. This is a Class 3 road and we have not had to do any maintenance on it for several years. A recent change of ownership may affect how we care for this road.

New Federal signage requirements were discussed. The new signs for Dairy Hill Road were displayed. The board was quite appalled at the, what was considered, inappropriate size of the new signs. A rough estimate of \$30,000/yr. was suggested as the costs that Royaltown would have to bear in order to bring our signs into compliance by

2018. It was suggested that a letter should be sent to our Federal legislators expressing our dismay and concern.

Mr. Gates reported that we do not have enough money in our reserve account to purchase a new to us SUV police vehicle. It was voted unanimously to ask Tim Gray to look for a Ford Explorer, with less than 50,000 miles on it, in the \$10,000-\$12,000 range. If he finds one, he can contact Mr. Trottier so he and Mr. Gates can examine the vehicle and see if it would meet our needs.

Mr. Amsden reported that the Recreation Committee is offering Melissa Kumar the director's position.

Concerns were expressed about the poor care of the sidewalks this summer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Ainsworth, Clerk