

Selectboard meeting

July 8, 2008

Members present – Danielle Taylor, Tom Trottier (Fire & Rescue), Caroline Lockyer (Reappraisal), Jeff Barcelow, Walter (listers)

Called to Order 7:07 PM

Fire and Rescue asked the board to lift the alcohol ban for old home days scheduled for the week of 7-14-08. They also asked to place a banner on the bridge.

**P. Trombly made a motion to waive alcohol ban for the week of 7/14/08 to accommodate “old home days” and allow the banner to be placed over the Chelsea St Bridge. The motion was seconded by E. Amsden. L. Trottier asked for discussion and hearing none brought the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

Caroline Lockyer (owner of Reappraisal Company) and Listers Walter Hastings, Jeff Barcelow

Larry asked for a report of the reappraisal

CL- Properties have been contacted, by fall they should be all visited. Grievances are hopefully ready by the spring. May is the goal for that. Reappraisal is on schedule.

PT – Please explain who is doing the inspections

CL – listers sometimes go. They are welcome to go along when they want.

Town is broken up into 12 areas. ID numbers are from the tax bills. Letter has been mailed out two weeks ago to explain the process. Discussion followed concerning the reappraisal process.

W. Hastings – the first section that is being inspected represents roughly 45% of the properties in town.

CL- Commercial buildings to be inspected in August.

J. Barcelow noted that the goal is to complete the inspections of rentals prior to the beginning of Law School.

E. Jacobs noted that most people renting from the Law School are looking to occupy the building at the beginning of August.

Best time for rentals to be inspected is July, when summer session is ongoing.

J. Barcelow noted that new software is being used. Properties are being entered into the system from the information gathered at the inspections.

Russ Bowden is servicing the software, and CL is entering the values.

W. Hastings noted that the 1996 reappraisal had difficulty with houses over 2000 sq FT. Caroline- appraisals are for 2009. Analysis is of sales in the area.

Prices are not dropping, they are staying relatively flat.

CL- Values tend to be split when reappraised, 50% go up and 50% go up slightly.  
W. Hastings noted that Act 68 has made tax estimation difficult.  
JB-noted that Pat French the assessor in Randolph has shared info from their reappraisal that was completed 2 yrs ago.

Eric Jacobs – S. Windsor working on completing sewer allocation. Presented design and letter notifying the town of the project. Rita Jacobs will have a spring that will service her house. Her current water connection is on the town. Current water supply would be used for the new building. Construction is possibly to be completed in Spring 2009. The letter is seeking an extension of the allocation. Site work would be done this year. 210 gal. Allocation would be for the existing property. St. requires replacement area for the property. BC the backup must not have a time limit. Hook up to municipal is not his best option. Would like to get un-earmarked allocation to serve as backup. Request 210/gal day.

Discussion continued concerning the proposed project and the required sewer allocation.

**P. Ainsworth made a motion to grant approval for 210 gal. For an extension of a period of 6 months. P. Trombly seconded the motion. Discussion followed if the extension could be for one year. Larry asked is there was any further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion of the Project on S. Windsor would be open for review. E. Jacobs noted that the project was using geo-thermal for heating and cooling.

Chet – from Lavalley has been working on the project with EJ.

Discussion of the project centered on connecting to the municipal water supply. To achieve the project's goals the office and house would be taken off of the municipal water to allow a sprinkler system to be allocated.

Project will total 12 units when. Discussion followed concerning the future sewer allocation and details of the how the building will be constructed. 20 spaces are being allowed for the building.

N. Cleveland was requested to find the application for the sewer application.

Discussion on B. Benoit letter and drive by. Request N. Cleveland to draft a letter to Bill Benoit thanking him of his letter and concerns, and that we will attempt to work closer with the Police Department and that we have policies and procedures in place for police department and other town workers.

**Motion to enter exec session to discuss Bloss Ballou legal issues made by P.A. seconded by PT. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

Executive session entered at 8:20 pm.

Out of Executive session at 8:33 no action taken.

**PA – motion to authorize discontinuance process for the Bloss Ballou rd from the Hodgdon property north to the Taylor property. PT seconds the motion. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.**

**PA – motion to approve stipulation that was written at the deposition for the Bloss – Ballou rd, EA seconds. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

**EA Motion to authorize Mary Demar to organize a yard sale at the RAB. PA asked that N. Cleveland double check with different org. to make sure the items are not wanted. PT seconded the motion. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion of cleaning at RAB, electrical issues and painting were discussed.

**Transfer station** – discussion of resolution concerning the closure of the transfer station on July 5, 2008. The letter drafted for the consideration by the Bethel SB was discussed. LT – concerned with stipulation “c”. Selectboard suggests talking with Dell Cloud about the Transfer station being designed for citizens of the member towns and not the haulers. PT – “d” addition of one fulltime employee would be a hard hit.

L. Trottier asked N. Cleveland to call Dell and notify him of the concerns brought up in the drafted letter. Discussion followed concerning the time the facility was open. PA noted that the land fill now takes all of the plastics, and the recycling place is not labeled to explain the situation. E. Amsden noted that he would speak with N. Fox to discuss the issues.

**P. Ainsworth made a motion to hire Dennis as special officer for old home days and pay him \$11/hr. PT seconded the motion. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

Equipment in the “Old Home Day’s” parade was discussed. It was noted that R. McCrillis and D. Boles would be willing to drive. It was decided to enter the new Front End Loader and a small Dump Truck.

**P. Trombly made a motion to pay for domestic violence training that D. Stamulis attended. Discussion followed concerning the coverage of the police department. P. Ainsworth seconded the motion. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Selectboard asked for B. Hull to come to the next SB meeting.

Contract for gravel purchase from D. Carpenter. Payment authorized \$13,000 payment by the Selectboard and N. Cleveland was asked to draft a letter to d. carpenter to

authorize payment to go toward back taxes and remainder of \$13,000 to be paid directly to D. Carpenter.

Draft letter to D. Carpenter

**E.A made a motion to award contract to Pike industries, P. Ainsworth seconded the motion. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion followed concerning the allocation of any extra paving. Ask roger to have from the school to Chelsea Street paved so the manhole covers are not above the pavement.

L. Trottier has not heard from the LDS about the paving and contribution of 20,000 to do the project on Dairy hill. Rd. No response from LDS as of yet.

L. Trottier would like to see some paving at the garage. \$25,000 cost of project. If Mormon Church is interested in helping pay for the paving project on Dairy Hill Rd. the garage paving may be affordable.

Fox stand bridge. Discussion of the bid changed due to unexpected high water. N. Cleveland noted that he was waiting to hear back from Daniels Construction.

Possible special meeting was decided to be held on 7-15-08 to discuss paving and bridge work. N. Cleveland was asked to look into the capital improvement account to see if the bridge can be completed along with the paving projects.

Agenda item how mcleery responds to request. Ask to be on the next meeting.

K. Barnaby is a contractor of the town and has not given a good description of the work he performs. The Selectboard authorized N. Cleveland to speak with K. Barnaby and ask him to keep a detailed log of his hours as well as the cause of the hood on the tractor needing replacement after he was using it this past winter. K. Barnaby should turn his invoice and hours into N. Cleveland. The Selectboard asked N. Cleveland to look into KB's employee status and if he is paid as subcontractor and who authorized payment.

It was decided to meet on Tuesday July 15, 2008 at 7 PM to discuss highway issues.

Rix Rd. complaint. Discussion followed and it was clear that the road in question is not a town highway. Authorize N. Cleveland to draft letter to Joyce Hamway.

**PT made a motion to pay \$79.00 contract price for a cell phone for the Road Foreman as well as \$35.00 a month for service of cell phone. The motion was seconded by PA. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

A retirement party for W. Manning was discussed. N. Cleveland was requested to call the Manning family for their input.

Sewer bills were discussed PT asked what the Prudential board's response was to the comments from the SOS and the memo from the Town Clerk.

**PT made a motion to set rate of sewer bill at .0106 per 100 gal. EA seconds the motion. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

It was noted that a July 21, 2008 meeting in Whitcomb High was scheduled to discuss the SWIP. A SB quorum needed for the meeting. A second meeting must be done by Sept. 17, 2008 in order to adopt the SWIP.

Agenda item for 7-22-08 set date for SWIP hearing.

Constable Stamulis requested the Selectboard to sign documents required to attend Police Training.

**A motion was made by PA to sign Training docs for Dennis. The motion was seconded by EA. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Training session application for D. Stamulis was signed by Chair L. Trottier.

**PT made a motion to have chair sign bond for cell tower on 1295 Gee Hill Rd. PA seconded the motion. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

**L. Trottier signed contract with the company to perform Audit.**

**PT made a motion to enter into executive session for contract issues concerning Crawford building. P. Ainsworth seconded the motion. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Entered executive session at 10:15 pm**

**Out of executive session at 10:35**

**No action was taken.**

N. Cleveland was asked to draft a letter to H. Crawford stating thank you for your offer and that we must perform our due diligence. In the meantime we would like to continue the lease. Check w/F. Berk to get details of lease.

**Motion to adjourn at 10:40 PM was made by E. Amsden. The motion was seconded by P. Ainsworth. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:42 PM**

**Respectfully submitted by N. Cleveland**