

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 15, 2012

Executive Board Attending: Warren Hammack, Chair, Maury Collins, David Upton, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others Attending: Anne and John Cucchi, Dennis Dellagreca, Terri Upton, Maureen Lord, Brian Lord, Richard Pratt, Julio Razquin, Sara Sandberg, Susan Hansel, Bud French, Rick Church

Upon receiving a motion from Maury to begin the meeting, seconded by David, Warren opened the meeting at 7:01 PM.

Terri Upton came before the Board to ask how they would like her to proceed with a piece of property taken for unpaid taxes. Terri explained the options including their right to refuse the deed for cause. She described the property as less than 1 acre, a non-conforming lot, which is covered with debris and at least 2 box type trailers with unknown contents.

The property is along a small brook and it is unknown if any hazardous material is stored on the property or in the structures.

Currently approximately \$2800.00 is due for back taxes and interest and the next tax bill will be added to that very soon. There was much discussion about the liability this property poses for the Town if accepted. There is an unknown cost of cleanup, insurance, tax write off and this may not be recovered.

If the deed remains in the past owner's name the taxes continue to accrue and any liability for the property belongs to them or their estate.

The Board decided to consider all options including contacting the DES to inspect the property before making a decision.

The next item was discussion of a contract presented by Allan Treadwell for computer service. The contract was not clear and the Board decided to table any decision until they have another opportunity to meet with him again.

The next item was an update on a Building Permit approved the previous week for Mike Iselin. It was noted that the definition of Street Line changed the front measurement therefore the set back may actually fall short. More research will be done and a consultation with the ZBA will take place to help the landowner sort out any questions.

Deliberation for choosing a Sexton from the applicants interviewed was the next item. The Board decided to wait until the end of the regular meeting and then to go into Non-Public session to deliberation.

A new option for the Health and Safety renovation was presented by David and Maury. This option would not alter the location of any of the present work areas. This option would raise the walls to full ceiling height, call for installation of 3 doors, glass in the service area and installation of security devices such as panic buttons.

The Board agreed to further investigate this plan.

Warren indicated that the Dept. of Labor does not care about specific details of interior options. They just want any Safety and security issue taken care of by the deadline they agreed to.

Maury suggested moving the municipal records to Harrisville to the rental location so that the sorting and organization can be completed by the Municipal Records Committee.

There was discussion of how the new plan altered the timeline. All agreed the new plan should still allow for completion by the State's deadline.

With the Board in full agreement to pursue this seemingly less disruptive plan and the favorable response from the audience it was agreed that the Special Town Meeting would remain as scheduled as well as the public hearing.

Discussion opened about using the Library basement for Municipal records storage.

Susan Hansel reported on previous plans for completing the Library basement including handicap access.

Warren stated that Rick Monahan knows of those plans and has some ideas for simplifying the ADA access.

A joint meeting will be scheduled with the Library Trustees, The Municipal Records Board, and the Selectmen.

Next John and Anne Cucchi came in for a second meeting to continue providing the Board with information about problems with previous decisions by various Boards concerning Building and ordinance issues.

David and Maury both suggested a Non-Public session because the manner of last week's presentation lead to individual's names being mentioned in a way that should be confined to a more private conversation with the board. (RSA 91-A:3 II (a&c&e))

John agreed but asked to give as much background as possible in Public to get his word out.

He was cautioned about mentioning specific people while proceeding with his presentation.

John indicated that he will be applying for a building permit for a 3 bedroom residence.

John continued with his background presentation and when he began to talk about specific people he was again cautioned.

John presented a lot of documentation for review. He notes that his property was a lot of record for many years prior to the zoning and that at the time of purchase there were allowances for the use of pre-existing lots.

He is also working on a business plan which may include elderly living options.

To summarize Maury asked John if he is just looking for a Town variance for the project he already has State permits for.

John indicated that he will need several things reviewed and will be back with more information.

The next discussion was about mowing of the Ball field on a regular basis. Keeping it mowed would allow for more regular usage by residents which everyone seemed to approve of.

Bob Jones will submit a proposal and Maury said he would submit a proposal as well.

Maureen Lord suggested that the Highway Department do the mowing.

Bob Jones did it last year.

Warren suggested getting bids.

Bud said in the past it was done for free by volunteers.

Maureen again suggested asking Mike Tarr if he can do this.

No final decision was reached but further discussion will follow at the next meeting.

Bud had come in to ask if an Intent to Cut had been filed for the Riesenbergs property.

He noted that as a conservation member he is concerned about the wetlands on and near this property. He also had a question regarding the Town's abutting land to this property. He had been informed that the Town's land had been logged as well. He would like the Board to inform the Conservation Commission of all Intent to Cut applications for their review and suggested that the Conservation Commission check the Town's property for signs of illegal logging there.

Next the Board discussed the summer schedule. With so much going on at this time the Board decided to continue meeting every week at least through June.

The response to the 5:00 PM start time was equally split for and against. A compromise of 6:00 PM was suggested.

Maury then made a motion to begin the future meetings of the Selectmen at 6:00 PM.

David seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by unanimous vote.

There was a brief discussion about a place to house the Municipal records and Julio Razquin asked if a small room could be added off the back of the Old Brick Schoolhouse. It was noted that all possibilities will be considered as the Town Buildings Committee continues its work with Rick Monahan.

Eddie reported that she had spoken to Rick Lothrop about the possibility of the Fire Department painting the date area in black in time for Bert to take the picture she needs. Rick said he would try to work something out.

Maureen Lord asked about progress on forming more committees as had been suggested several weeks earlier by David Upton.

David replied to that question in a review of steps toward that goal but at the moment that is on hold.

Next all paperwork was presented, reviewed and signed as necessary.

David made a motion to approve the minutes from the last Selectmen's meeting.

Maury seconded.

Warren recused himself due to his absence from that meeting.

A vote of 2-0 then carried the motion.

With all paperwork complete David made a motion to go into Non-Public session to deliberate on choosing one of the applicants to fill the position of Sexton. (RSA 91-A:3 II (b))

Maury seconded the motion.

A vote of 3-0 then carried the motion. David – Aye, Maury – Aye, Warren – Aye.

The Board then informed the audience they would return to complete the public session after their deliberation. They then retired to Non-Public session at 10:28 PM.

At 11:00 PM the board returned to public session. Although the audience had left, the Board reported that During the Non-Public session (RSA 91-A:3 II (b)) they were unable to come to a decision and would like to meet with the 2 final candidates once again. This will be arranged by Eddie for next week.

With no other matters pending Maury made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

David seconded.

All voted in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 11:04 PM.

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Warren Hammack, Chair

Maury Collins

David Upton