

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Chairman Ronald Cormier called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.; also present were Selectman David Morse, Town Administrator K. Jeanne Beaudin, Administrative Assistant Cary Lagace, Deputy Fire Chief Sean McCarty, Land Use Technician Rick Ball, Public Works Director Jim Fortin, Phil Brouillard, Adam Segelstrom, Grace Romprey, Ed Otto, Police Chief Vinnie Baiocchetti and Daily Sun Reporter Kinney O'Rourke. Selectman Pike was absent from the meeting.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Morse moved to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting as written. Chairman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Sun Lake Village Current Use Penalties & Accrued Interest

Chairman Cormier advised Mr. Brouillard that in Selectman Pike's absence he will postpone this discussion until the June 15th meeting when Selectman Pike can participate in the discussion.

4 Holly Tree – Romprey Agreement

Town Administrator Beaudin advised that the agreement had been forward to Grace Romprey however, she and Ed Otto are not in agreement with it. The sketches provided show a concrete slab and a portion of their garage are situated over the property line and within the dedicated ROW. The Town has requested that the slab be removed at the property owner's expense.

Land Use Technician Rick Ball gave a brief history noting that the property was originally owned by Mr. Piper and the roads were dedicated to the Town in 1972, the Town however did not complete the action to accept the roads. Chairman Cormier asked when the slab was constructed, Grace indicated in 1994.

Ed Otto asked if that meant that Mr. Piper still owned the property, Rick Ball explained that the ownership transfer doesn't take place until the roads are accepted which will be completed as part of the Pleasant Valley Project and Mr. Piper would appear to still be the owner. Grace stated she has accepted the idea of the road coming through at this point but has maintained the road privately for 20+ years and can't accept that the Town is asking her to remove the slab at her own expense when they already know she is not financially able to.

There was additional conversation regarding when the slab and garage were built and the variances that were acquired at that time. It was pointed out that the structures were not built within the boundaries set in the variance. Chairman Cormier stated that the bottom line is that the structures were built on someone else's property and the slab must be removed for the project at hand. He added that Grace would have to deal with the garage piece of it if she were to sell the property. Chairman Cormier added that he is inclined to ask the contractor for the project what the additional cost would be to remove the slab. He noted that once the Town becomes the owner of the property the garage can be dealt with at that time.

The Board agreed to have the contractor quote removing the slab and Town Administrator Beaudin will redraft an agreement with Town Council's opinion regarding the garage.

Old Home Day – Street Closures

The Board reviewed the street closure request from the Old Home Day Committee. Their request is for the closure of a portion of Main Street & Fuller Street, the same as last year. It was noted that the OHD Committee needs to talk to the new owners of the former bank property. Chief Baiocchetti added that the closure should include the municipal parking areas to be used for OHD.

Chairman Cormier moved to close Main Street & Fuller Street as requested as well as closure of municipal parking areas. Selectman Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Overlook Drive

At a prior meeting Selectman Pike had asked that the intersection of Overlook Drive be looked at to improve safety. Public Works Director Jim Fortin & Police Chief Vinnie Baiocchetti reviewed the situation and proposed that the Board authorize trimming greenery, replacing stop sign at Overlook Drive & Old Prescott Road intersection and repaint the stop bars. Place stop signs and stop bars at the exits of Circle K. Repaint the yellow center line and white shoulder lines to delineate the roadway. Meet with Circle K & Fairpoint to see how we can work to make that area safer.

Selectman Morse thought Selectman Pike should have an opportunity to have input where it was his request. Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that she had reviewed the memo with Selectman Pike and he was agreeable to the recommendations in the memo.

Selectman Morse moved to authorize the recommendations in the memo for work at Overlook Drive as proposed. Chairman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Heritage Commission Request

Chairman Cormier noted that the Heritage Commission has proposed that a village revitalization group be formed to look into projects that could be generated to improve the village area. They suggested that members be from existing committees and commissions. Selectman Morse commented that it would be nice to have new people on the group. Town Administrator Beaudin noted she would send a letter to all current members to see if they have interest in serving on this type of committee.

Other New Business

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that she has received complaints regarding the appearance of the exterior of Town Hall and although in the past some Board members have expressed that they don't want to put more money into the Town Hall building, she did get estimates to have the building sided. The estimate came in around \$20,000 which seems very reasonable. Chairman Cormier stated that it is still his intention to not put any further money into Town Hall. Selectman Morse commented that the siding is a maintenance issue so it isn't like putting money into the building. He asked what it cost before to paint the building; Town Administrator Beaudin indicated that it was approximately \$12,000 6-7 years ago.

Pleasant Valley Contract Award following Summary of bids

Town Administrator Beaudin advised that the contract for Pleasant Valley isn't available for signature as the apparent low bidder is still being reviewed by the engineers. She provided the Board with the list of bids. Chairman Cormier expressed that it was nice to see that all but one bidder was below initial estimated costs. Town Administrator Beaudin explained that the next step would be to hold a meeting with residents and begin construction. The project must be completed by November 1st.

Adam Segelstrom – Eagle Scout Project

Adam Segelstrom was present to advise the Board that the first project he proposed, after being reviewed by individuals in the construction field was deemed too difficult to do because of the grade requirement on the handicap ramp. He is now proposing that a similar area be constructed at the parking lot level of the Mill. The area would include a patio area with picnic tables and benches with a split rail fence to designate the area. The Board liked the idea but were unsure of how that location would work and asked the Public Works Director for input. Public Works Director Jim Fortin expressed that it is not a location that could work because it's where all the winter snow is plowed.

Adam expressed that he has other project ideas he will pursue. Town Administrator Beaudin suggested that he contact the Conservation Commission as Land Use Technician Rick Ball had expressed that the Commission had some projects they were looking to do.

Non-Public Session

Chairman Cormier called the non-public session to order at 5:53 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (b). Roll call was taken and those present and voting were Ronald Cormier and David Morse. Also present was Town Administrator Beaudin and Chief Vinnie Baiocchetti.

Following discussion on the matter; Chairman Cormier moved to authorize Chief Baiocchetti to expend funds from the Department's Professional Services line for recruitment purposes if needed. Selectman Morse seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Chief Baiocchetti left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Chairman Cormier called the non-public session to order at 6:13 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (b). Roll call was taken and those present and voting were Ronald Cormier and David Morse. Also present was Town Administrator Beaudin and Public Works Director Jim Fortin.

The Board reviewed the wage adjustments prepared by Town Administrator Beaudin relative to the restructuring of the Public Works Department. Also discussed was the in house advertisement of the Highway Foreman's position; this position has been vacant since the retirement of Jim Marden.

Chairman Cormier moved to approve a wage adjustment for Public Works Director Jim Fortin to a Grade 19 Step 14 on the non-union scale. Selectman Morse seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Cormier moved to approve a wage adjustment for Donald Hurd, Water Department Laborer/Technician to a Grade 10 Step 9 on the union scale. Selectman Morse seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board agreed that the Highway Foreman's position would be set at a Grade 14 Step 2 on the existing union scale if the position is filled by promotion.

Chairman Cormier closed the non-public session at 6:40 p.m.

Public Works Director Jim Fortin reviewed cost estimates for overlay and paving work to be completed in 2009; the proposed work would complete Middle Route which was begun in 2008 and Farrarville Road. The Board authorized the work to be completed for a proposed cost of \$182,400.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, June 18, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., at the Corner Meeting House.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Ronald Cormier, Chairman

Jon Pike, Vice Chairman

David Morse