

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2007, 5:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Vice-Chairman Caldwell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., also present were, Selectman Jon Pike, Chairman Cormier (5:10), Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Administrative Assistant Cary Lagace, Fire Chief Jim Davis, Public Works Director Bob Bennett (6:45), Lori Ingram with The Citizen Newspaper, and Ray Carbone of the Daily Sun Newspaper.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Pike moved to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2007 meeting as written, Selectman Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pike moved to accept the minutes of the June 22, 2007 meeting as written, Selectman Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bid Award – Production Well

Selectman Pike began by stating that because of his newness to the Board he was not completely aware of the Well bidding process until recently and with the little time he has had to research earthen wells he feels the Board should further discuss the possibility of other options. Town Administrator Beaudin suggested that a meeting be set up with the Water Department and Hydrosorce to discuss the project further. The Board agreed to request a meeting.

Correspondence

The Board had previously received a letter from Alex Hampton requesting that Sunset Drive be designated a reduced salt area. After a brief discussion the Board agreed that due to its close proximity to the water Sunset Drive could be designated a reduced salt area and appropriate signage should be installed to identify the area. Town Administrator Beaudin will generate a letter to Mr. Hampton advising of the Board's decision.

Non-Public Session

Selectman Caldwell moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91:A-3 II(b) at 5:20 p.m. Roll call was taken and those present and voting in the affirmative to enter non-public session were Ron Cormier, Reginald Caldwell, and Jon Pike. Also present was Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Fire Chief Jim David and Paul Dexter.

Chairman Cormier closed the non-public session at 5:40 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

Cotton Hill Road Discussion

Many Cotton Hill Road residents and a few from Vineyard Way joined the meeting at this time for discussions regarding Cotton Hill Road repair/maintenance. Chairman Cormier thanked everyone for coming and explained that Cotton Hill Road has been discussed for 2-3 years as a road in need of repair but just what type of repairs has been the cause for some delay and to get to the bottom of what the residents would like to see happen with their road this meeting was planned to determine what course to follow. He pointed out that it had been the first road being considered for repair following the road management survey but having heard conflicting reports of how the residents on the road felt about work; put it on hold until this meeting could be held to determine the true feelings of the residents.

Mr. Getz of 97 Cotton Hill began by saying that he has heard the discussion of there being a drainage problem and expressed that he felt the drainage was pretty good, but with the edges of the road breaking up the road had become very narrow. He expressed that when Bob Bennett had previously rebuilt the road the work was superb and thought that the road should be rebuilt just as it was then.

Chairman Cormier explained that through the Underwood Engineers study they had recommended a significant amount of closed drainage work. Bob Bennett expressed that the previous drainage had been done well and the project may not need drainage to the extent of what Underwood is suggesting. Chairman Cormier also pointed out that all of the previous drainage work was done without the proper easements in place and those would have to be in place prior to any work moving forward on the road.

Ilene Burnell of 28 Vineyard Way expressed that she feels the condition of the road is really bad and particularly unsafe is the intersection of Cotton Hill and Route 107 which is a safety issue daily with the possibility of skidding into the highway due to loose material on the road.

Bob Kay of 66 Cotton Hill asked if the road were to be properly repaved and the ditches cleaned would the road hold up for any length of time, Bob Bennett explained that the base

materials are substandard and any resurfacing would be a waste without digging out the old materials and applying proper base materials. He explained that the base material had been sold for use as base material however; it was formulated so that it never hardens which doesn't provide a good base for paving. Bob noted that removing the bad base material and rebuilding the road with proper materials to the width it was previously, and cleaning the drainage ditches would last many years.

There were several residents that expressed that the last time that Bob Bennett rebuilt the road it was a very good job and to everyone's satisfaction, it just didn't hold up as long as expected. It was noted that the lack of longevity is most likely due to the base material that was used and could be corrected with the proper base materials being applied.

Linda Frawley asked the Board to clarify the controversy regarding the road as it was her understanding from serving on the budget committee that the Board was going to move forward with the paving and then the Board recommended waiting on the project. Chairman Cormier explained that individually the Board members at the time had been approached by residents that were opposed to the construction being proposed and due to the significant cost of the project decided not to move forward with the project until such time as the Board could hold a meeting for additional input.

Several residents echoed that their wish would be to have the project done as it was before with the proper materials.

There was discussion regarding when the project would now be undertaken and it was thought that although there was quite a bit of work to be completed, including some engineering and acquiring drainage easements, the majority of the project could possibly be done this year. Town Administrator Beaudin advised that she will meet with Land Use Technician Rick Ball and get the easement work underway and Mr. Ball will be out to meet with the property owners that easements affect.

Selectman Cormier thanked the Cotton Hill Road residents for coming and encouraged them to assist with easements in any way they can.

Acceptance of Tax Collector's Deeds

Town Administrator Beaudin reviewed the 4 properties that are due to have Board of Selectmen accept the deeds through the Tax Collector's deed process. She has communicated with Town Counsel who will begin the eviction process for the two properties that are occupied. The properties are as follows:

- 1) Land Only – Sargent Lake Road 239-047 Selectman Caldwell moved to accept the deed to this property. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Land Only – Province Road 228-024-001 Selectman Caldwell moved to accept the deed to this property. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3) 10 Robin Boulevard – 117-015-000-090 Selectman Caldwell moved to accept the deed to this property. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4) 19 Gale Street – 122-105 Selectman Caldwell moved to accept the deed to this property. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pike asked what the process would be if an owner came forward at this point to stop the deeding from taking place, Town Administrator Beaudin explained that the taxes would have to be paid in full through the current taxes due.

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Beaudin noted for the Board that the two Code Enforcement situations previously discussed, WJK Realty is waiting to hear on site plan approval and 21 Mountainview Terrace has been determined not to have two dwellings per the definition of dwelling.

The Capital Improvements Plan will begin work again now through the budget season and needs to have new Board representatives. Selectman Pike volunteered to act as the Selectman's Representative to the CIP committee and Chairman Cormier offered to be the Alternate Representative.

Town Administrator Beaudin reminded the Board that the Natural Resource Inventory will be presented at the Conservation Commission's next meeting on July 11, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House.

Town Administrator Beaudin advised the Board that the Workers Compensation policy had gone out to bid and as a result the Town will change carriers upon renewal, with a cost savings of approximately \$40,000.

The SB2 petition signatures have been verified and the petition will become a warrant article for the March 2008 Town Meeting.

Town Administrator Beaudin noted that the Concord Street Sidewalk project public hearing will be held July 25, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House. She added that the latest plan will have relatively little impact on the property owners and will address the drainage problems at the same time.

Non-Public Session

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Chairman Cormier closed the non-public session at 7:10 p.m. No decisions were made.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, July 16, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at the Corner Meeting House.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Ronald Cormier, Chairman

Reginald Caldwell

Jon Pike