

Board of Selectmen
Minutes April 26, 2011

Convened: 6:30 pm

Present: Andrew Artimovich
Jane Byrne
Jeffrey Bryan
Michael Hubbard
David Menter

Also present was town administrator Karen Clement.

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable and signed the register. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the recreation register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report. He received positive feedback from Laura Spector regarding the proposal for the Town's use of credit cards.

Motion made by Bryan, 2nd by Byrne to approve the April 19 minutes: all were in favor.

Motion made by Byrne, 2nd by Bryan to approve the non-public minutes of April 12: the motion carried with Menter abstaining as he was not present.

Motion made by Byrne, 2nd by Bryan to approve the non-public minutes of April 19: all were in favor.

The Board is in receipt of the contract from Energy North for the installation of the gas tank for the town office generator. Bryan noted that the original quote was for a 500 gallon tank and the contract shows a 1000 gallon tank. The price is the same as originally quoted, so there has been no increase in the cost.

Motion made by Hubbard, 2nd by Bryan to approve the contract and have Artimovich sign: all were in favor. Bryan offered to be the contact person regarding the installation.

The Board agreed to keep the old copier that is being replaced at the town office. It will be placed in the Cross Room for use, but the Board does not want to put more money into it. Byrne stated that it was recently repaired and is in good running condition.

Motion made by Artimovich, 2nd by Hubbard to allow St. Hilaire to sign, as the selectmen's representative, the Special Permit to Construct a Sewage Disposal System. This will allow Hibbard Realty Trust to replace their failed system at 3 Ponds Campground: all were in favor.

Rob Wofchuck, Conservation Commission chair, will ask a representative of UMG Bulk Energy Specialist to meet with the CC. He will let the BOS know the date for those interested.

Regarding the Mosaic Mapping Project, the Board will wait for the new town administrator to get settled, and they would like feedback from another town who is having a presentation about this project in mid-May.

Building inspector Gil Tuck was in with the following permits, which the Selectmen signed:

George May 16 Mill Pond for a generator
Bill Tillinghast 95 Scrabble Road for a screen deck

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Tuck said that Grace Ministries, located on Rte 125, would like to erect a 15 foot cross on the south side of their property. The Board had no issue with this.

Tuck said he received a complaint about a real estate sign that was located on the corner of Commercial Drive and Rte 125. He said there is one RE sign that is on private property and one within the ROW. Selectmen said there is nothing in the town ordinances that prohibits RE signs unless they are a safety issue.

Artimovich said the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) is looking for a resident who would be willing to serve as a commissioner on their board. Brentwood currently has only 1 resident serving. This will be posted on the town web site.

Resident John Kennedy was present and said that the RPC has put out a report of Prioritized Transportation Projects from the NHDOT, and that reconfiguring the intersection of Pickpocket and 111A is on the list, to change the "Y" alignment to a "T", and the same for the intersection of North and Prescott. He gave the Board a copy of this report.

Public Hearing to accept the NH Dept of Environmental Services Service Grant

CC chairman Rob Wofchuck explained that the town was awarded \$78,468. He said that the scope of the work will include stormwater retrofits, riverbank stabilization, buffer plantings and conservation easements totaling approximately 16 acres. This project is a partnership effort and funded by a variety of state, federal and local contributions.

Motion made by Hubbard, 2nd by Menter to accept the grant in the amount of \$78,468: all were in favor.

Motion made by Bryan, 2nd by Menter to close the public hearing: all were in favor.

Resident Brian Leclerc was in to speak to the Board regarding a Cease & Desist issued to him for the stormwater drainage changes he has been making on Stevens Drive. PB chair Bruce Stevens and CC chair Rob Wofchuck were also here for this discussion. Artimovich said one of the concerns is that Leclerc is sending more water onto his neighbor's property than what flowed before he did this work.

Leclerc provided a copy of a plan of his land that shows the culvert, contours and wetlands of his property. He said all the neighbors up the road from him have dug hand ditches and the silt, mud and everything from the horse paddocks, etc is coming down the road in the swales. There has been tremendous erosion at the outlet end of his culvert, and he has put in approximately 80 feet of pipe, because of this erosion. He said the water is going down the normal wash-way and to the wetlands on his property. Leclerc said he never changed the flow. He said it is all going on his property and nobody else's property. He said the five houses up the road from him that have all "trenched down" and he is just trying to route it. He has put down a foot (depth) of erosion stone, a 15 inch pipe inside an 18 inch pipe that is all connected, and he has about 10 more feet to go. He said this is a seasonally wet area.

Stevens said that the drainage swale along the roadway incorporates the culvert that is under his driveway and the path goes down the hill. The subdivision was laid out to have the drainage go down the swale. Stevens had a PB member, who is a professional engineer look at the site, who said this was the most "bizarre situation" he has seen. Stevens said there may need to be some town maintenance with the swale, but he thinks Leclerc needs to put back the drainage system as it was designed, and he had no right to alter the drainage. Stevens said while the water may go to Leclerc's property, it has an effect on the neighbor's (Seeley's) property, and

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their well. He said the Town needs to maintain their drainage structures as part of the road work. Wofchuck said the parcel behind this area is conservation land owned by the town, and needs to be protected.

Leclerc said this subdivision is over 30 years old, and water has been free flowing from up the hill for a long time. Stevens said it is the responsibility of the selectmen to protect the Town's interest.

Artimovich said they will wait for the town engineer to get back to them, and continue this discussion at their next selectmen's meeting. Leclerc thanked the Board.

Road Agent Wayne Robinson told the Board that he received a response from PSNH, regarding some pine trees along Rowell Road East near the Vadas' residence. He said that PSNH has inspected the trees, and determined them to not be threat to the wires. He said the trees are within the Town ROW, and he is waiting for an estimate to have them taken down. Byrne said they need to follow the laws regarding to Scenic Roads, as Rowell Road is designated at a Scenic Road. Artimovich explained that they received a call from a resident who was concerned about a couple trees, and that is why PSNH was called. They were also checked a few years back, and it was confirmed that they were healthy. Artimovich asked that the road file be checked to see when that was done, and let Mrs. Vadas know that PSNH said there is no need to remove the trees.

Police Chief Wayne Robinson said the new cruiser has been delivered but the equipment is not available yet (cage, etc) so it cannot be put in service. He said they are having trouble with the SUV, and he is asking if he can take some of the equipment from that and put into the new cruiser. He said he uses the oldest cruiser of the fleet, and it should be the car that comes off the line and sold, but it runs good and he prefers keeping it and not run the SUV with its problems, and also because of the gas mileage. He would like to take the radio from the SUV, and put it in the new cruiser. He would like to keep the SUV and use it next year as a trade. Artimovich asked that cost of the extra insurance to keep an additional cruiser be determined first.

Robinson said they have three radios in the PD that they are using that are no longer made and parts no longer available and if they break down they will need to be replaced. He said they cost about \$3,110 each. He is trying to use some of the SUV parts for the new car and can put that radio in the new car. Treasurer Ellis will be asked how much money is left in the PD revolving account, to see if there are funds for a new radio.

Byrne asked if it was time for the Town to consider keeping the older cruisers, to be used as a town car for employees to use for town business, such as banking, seminars, etc. Artimovich said that by the time they get rid of a cruiser, they become maintenance expensive. Members generally thought this would not be cost effective.

The chief said that he has two officers who need to take the physical fitness tests for both the Police Training and Standards and the town's required physical, and asked if dr's appointment can cover both the Police Training and Standards and the Towns' and was told yes.

Hubbard told the Board that Tractor Supply Company met with the Planning Board last Thursday for preliminary discussion and will be back before the PB for a site plan review. This is for property located across from Difeo Oil on Rte 125.

Motion made by Bryan, 2nd by Hubbard to adjourn at 8:05: all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy St. Hilaire