

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 19, 2009
6:30 pm Town Hall

Chr. O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Cosmas Iocovozzi, Code Enforcement Officer Charlie Smart, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi, Road Agent Len Thomas, Dave Sweeney, Dick Spinney, David Mueller, Fire Engineers Wib Goins and Ruth Fletcher, Assistant Fire Chief Dale Sylvia, and Treasurer George Fletcher.

Minute Approval: *Selectman Stuart moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2009 as written. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Coleman Drive – Drainage Issue:

Dave Mueller, a Coleman Drive resident spoke of the mound of soils placed during the road improvement project and stated they inhibit the proper flow of run off water. A willow tree's roots (other side of the road) need to be addressed. Charlie Smart stated that there are many improvements on one side, however down stream from there it slows. Mr. Mueller said he has not been able to properly maintain his property 10' to 15' up. Selectman Iocovozzi suggested that short term we address the willow tree and noted we may need DES permitting which in the end may affect several owners. Charlie will contact the DES and Jim Kerrivan of Altus will get right on board.

Town Hall Parking Lot

Selectman Stuart suggested we get engineering so that when or if the parking lot is expanded that the 'pooling' issue be addressed as well. Selectman Iocovozzi agreed. The AA was asked to call Altus for engineering estimates. Selectman Iocovozzi suggested other town parking lots get reviewed as well to maximize and delineate traffic flow.

Fire Department Command Vehicle

The method to fund was the issue, not the need. Should it be funded from the Capital Reserve? A warrant article presented at town meeting or it budgeted for under capital outlay. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that it didn't fall under the purpose of the capital reserve as the town is not replacing a vehicle. He went on to say that the cruisers were used as a command vehicle. Fire Eng. W. Goins said that the former cruisers do not meet the needs of a command vehicle. Selectman O'Reilly again brought up the tone of the last Town Meeting whereas the warrant articles were all shot down but 4. He fears that it not pass and at that point it is too late to place in cap outlay or use capital reserve. Selectman Stuart says for clarity to the residents, a warrant article is the way to go. Engineers suggested use of capital overlay. Asst. Chief Sylvia would like to have a plan B in place incase this fails as to equip the latest cruiser with lights and radios, it will cost \$2,000. In the end, the Fire Department will send over warrant article draft for review.

Alarm System

A brief discussion ensued regarding the current alarm system throughout town. Asst. Chf spoke of the pull box system being rather antiquated as cell phones are so common. The Board suggested a conversion plan be submitted for consideration. Regarding funding, the Board would like to view the plan and its costs first.

Personnel Policy – Year End Hourly Cap

Although Chr. O'Reilly stated he had no real problems with an adjustment to the Town's personnel policy increasing the year end carry over hourly cap from 240 hours to 360 hours at the request of Chief G, both Selectmen Iocovozzi and Stuart disagreed.

Air Compressor - Highway

It was suggested that rather than the Road Agent buying one that will get us by, to purchase one that will meet our needs. He will work with Wib Goins on suggested components. Our current one, recently decommissioned by the state inspector was of 1954 vintage.

Mott's Pond Beaver Issue

Road Agent Len Thomas informed the Selectmen that the beavers are once again blocking flow and he asks for permission to speak to Fish and Game about the resolve. Selectmen urged him to do so, meanwhile Selectman Iocovozzi will look into water slats as seen in trade magazines.

Bid Openings

2003 Crown Victoria: **Asian Auto \$ 532**; J. Tammik \$ 500.00; L. Daigle \$ 400.00

2004 Crown Victoria: **C Chase \$ 601**; Asian Auto \$ 332; J. Tammik \$ 500.00

Kohler Generator: Asian Auto \$ 232.00; **Port City Glass \$ 577.97**

Generac Generator: **Asian Auto \$ 632.00**; AJ Gimpleson \$ 467

Tractor: Varney \$500; Spinney \$1,055; St Cyr \$ 542.15; PC Glass \$553.73; Phinney \$677.00; Baxter \$ 600.00; **Asian Auto \$ 1,632.00**

The Board voted to award the bids as noted above. The AA to notify the successful bidder.

Facility Use Requests:

Piscataqua River Brass – TH Audi – Oct 25 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm – fee waived

S. Frizzell – OTH 2nd fl – Referee Training - Nov 10 - 6:00-8:00pm – fee waived

The Selectmen approved the requests above 3-0.

Airport Road

The Selectmen reviewed Bell & Flynn's detailed proposal for Airport Road with Chr. O'Reilly signing the contract.

Announcement: *Public Hearing for Decal Policy – Fox Point – 6:30 Town Hall Oct 26*

Treasurer Report: Treasurer George Fletcher briefly spoke of the tax rate setting, Rockingham County annual bill and our cash flow. Our tax rate date has yet to be set, however Mr. Fletcher hopes that when it is set, that our bills will go out soon thereafter.

Misc: Road Agent Len Thomas reminded the Board that he will be on vacation the first week in November.

Charlie Smart asked the Board if now that Shattuck and Nimble Hill Roads have been turned over, does that mean the Town is now responsible for the military drain box culvert. Selectman Iocovozzi didn't believe it did.

At 7:55pm, Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectively submitted,

Beatrice Marconi – Admin. Asst.

