

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – July 29, 2014

Present: Phil Keenan, John Sears – Board (Robert MacLean absent)
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant
Pam Shrimpton, Charlie Stetson, Hussain Hamdan, Rick Kean (at 8pm)

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm.

1. Review and signing of treasury warrants – Warrants were reviewed and approved.
2. Review of prior meeting minutes – Minutes from June 24, July 1, 2, 15, and 22 were reviewed and approved.
3. Report on financial position search – As Rick Kean was expected to arrive at 8pm, this item will be returned to.

(This item was returned to after item 6.) – Rick reported that the Committee recommends two “hires”. For Treasurer, they recommend Kristi Nartowics and for Collector, Betty Nichols. Both have numerous years of experience and both are willing to take the positions for the budgeted amounts. The Board asked Rick to invite them both to attend the next meeting for final interview.

4. Reminder of bid openings – Bid opening for a new Highway Department truck is scheduled for August 12 at 7:30pm, and the bid openings for East Road and Forge Hill Road are scheduled for August 13 at 6:30 and 7:00pm. (The latter bid opening date was later postponed to August 19).
5. Report from Community Public Health Service – Virginia reported that flu vaccines will no longer be provided by the State for free. The CPHS has been discussing either the town's covering the costs, or charging a fee for the clinics. The Selectboard agreed that it is a good service, and would like to see it continue. They are under the opinion that people attend the clinics mainly as a convenience, but also believe that quite a few attend due to financial reasons, and that this should be taken into account.

Virginia also provided a draft of the proposed Family Burial Plot Policy for comment. Any comments should be relayed to her so that she can have CPHS address them at their next meeting.

6. Report on status of HMP grant for Garage bank armoring – Virginia explained that the site visit went well, but there is a glitch. The rating is now below the threshold for qualifying for the grant. John asked if the fuel storage was taken into account. Virginia will check.
7. New business not anticipated at time of posting
 - a. Demo of CSC Accounting Program scheduled for Friday Aug. 15 at 9am
 - b. FYI - Franklin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority letter to wait-listed applicants in Hawley
 - c. Richard Yates requested verbal go-ahead to replace the front part of his foundation – Phil commented that he did not see this as within the Board's purview. He will contact Mr. Yates.

d. There will be a State Primary Election on Tuesday, September 9, so the meeting scheduled for that date will need to be rescheduled.

e. John reported that he spoke with Mr. Mellace and Ken Neary at DCR. They have received the DEP Water Quality Permit, but are waiting for Army Corps of Engineers permit and Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission. Lloyd told John that DCR had not yet filed a Notice of Intent, so the Conservation Commission has nothing to issue an OOC on. DCR still thinks that funding will be an issue.

It seems unlikely that the project will be able to get started this year, but if all permits and funding come in, hopefully they will be able to start in the spring.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted by Board of Selectmen:

Philip Keenan

John Sears

Robert MacLean