Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting - August 26, 2014

Present: Phil Keenan, John Sears, Robert MacLean – Board Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant Charlie Stetson, Pam Shrimpton, Joan and Peter LaFogg (LaFogg & Hathaway), Rick Kean, Henry Eggert, Hussain Hamdan, Chris Tirone

The meeting was called to order at 7:29pm, with Hussain filming.

1. Review and signing of treasury warrants – warrants approved unanimously.

2. Review of prior meeting minutes – minutes from July 29, August 5, 12, and 19 were reviewed and all accepted unanimously.

3. Reschedule Sept 9 meeting due to State Primary – the meeting will be held on September 2 instead.

4. State Primary Election warrant to sign – September 9 state primary warrant was signed.

5. Status of East Rd and Forge Hill Rd bids – As we have not gotten confirmation from FEMA yet, the bid award was delayed until next week. Forge Hill Road is in a similar situation, but will take longer to get resolved.

6. Sept 12 meeting with Assessors rescheduled to Tues, Sept 16 at noon, followed by Senator Downing's "Coffee and Conversation" at 2pm.

7. Consider whether ready to schedule Special Town Meeting – draft warrant was reviewed. Free Cash was certified at \$123,000. The amount for the Accountant was not specified. Rick informed the Board that the candidate asked for \$9,000. Questions also arose about whether there needed to be an article for the solar bylaw. Virginia will check with Lloyd. For the financing, we will need Finance Committee input.

8. Draft letter to Gfld Savings Bank to change signers on accounts – The Board signed a letter authorizing the changing of signers at Greenfield Savings Bank.

9. New business not anticipated at time of posting

a) Charlie announced that the note went out to bid on the 25<sup>th</sup>. He expects to know details by about 11am on the 28<sup>th</sup>, and paperwork will be in on Friday or Saturday and ready for signatures at the next meeting. The note will be effective September 12.

b) The maintenance agreement for the copy machine was the same as last year. The Board approved it, and Phil signed as required.

c) Rick announced that the Town has been using Cornerstone successfully for a few months now and would like to cut off HughesNet at the end of the month.

d) Chris Tirone reminded the Board that he had asked about transferring the satellite to the Fire Station. Phil suggested he call HughesNet – assuming any expense would come out of the Fire

Department budget. Hussain added his concern about what happens in an emergency if the utility lines are down – there will no longer be a back-up communication method at the Town Office. He is concerned that this may even be mandated. John responded that he would be more interested in having a radio. Virginia informed all present that there was a police radio in the building that could most likely be used if needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Gabert, Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted by Board of Selectmen:

Philip Keenan

John Sears

Robert MacLean