

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 20, 2012

Present: Mike Worth, Jeanne Gervais, Stacey Roese, Adam Storm, Joe Arborio, Bill Hawkins, Joel Cope, Lisa Moore, Teresa Potwin, Ray Fontaine, Ellen Sheltra, Jim Webb, Mark Castonguay, and Chris Flack.

Jim Webb called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approve the minutes of the previous meeting: The board read the minutes of the February 21, 2012 and March 7, 2012 meetings. Jim Webb motions to accept the minutes as printed; Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: Ellen Sheltra was present and stated that she, along with many other people were very concerned about a tenant that will be moving in to the residence located at 389 Railroad Street. This tenant has been charged with child molestation, lewd and lascivious acts, etc.; and Ms. Sheltra asked if the town had any suggestions on what she could do about any suggestions on what she could do about this issue. Joe Arborio suggested that she call the local police, state police, child services and other organizations stating the concerns of the residents of Brighton.

Joe Arborio, Brighton's Health Office, told the board that he had received a complaint about the smell of trash coming from the Warren Atteberry residence on Derby Street. Mr. Arborio said that upon making a site visit he could see that there was trash piled up on the front porch under a tarp, and when he knocked on the door, no one would answer. After seeking voluntary compliance without success, Mr. Arborio recommended that he obtain a search warrant. A motion was made by Jim Webb to have Joel contact the town's attorney to obtain the warrant. Mike Worth seconded this all in favor, so carried.

Chris Flack, from Newport was present to explain to the board about a portable farmer's market that he and his organization would like to set up in Brighton in June. Mr. Flack explained that this would be a van/bus that would sell fresh produce, dairy, meat as well as other local goods from it as well as serve prepared food cooked in a commercial kitchen that would be located in the wagon. This organization is looking to come once a week on Tuesdays, from 10-2 starting in June throughout the season. After much discussion on the location where this "bus" could be set up, a motion was made by Jim Webb to allow the portable market to set up in the town owned parking lot by Sunrise Manor. Mike Worth seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Jeanne Gervais, from the Planning Commission was present to go over some concerns that the board had about the zoning by-law amendments. After much discussion a motion was made by Mike Worth to adopt the proposed zoning by-law amendments. Jim Webb seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Billy Hawkins mentioned to the board that people had been asking him when the stump dump would be open. Due to the oddly warm weather we are experiencing, many people were

wondering if it would open earlier. After discussing with the road foreman about the condition of the road, the board decided it would be best to keep the opening date as is.

Building and maintenance: Joel informed the board that the construction management plan for the town hall project was not going to work. Joel told the board that the USDA will allow the town to use the design/bid/build method and setting standards for potential bidders (pre-qualifying) them. A motion was made by Jim Webb to give Joel authorization to contact Black River Design to set up a contract. Mike Worth seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Jeanne Gervais gave Joel a lead to pursue for the REM building. Lacroix Granit from Quebec is looking to move some of their business into the states. Right now it is still in the preliminary stages. At this point, New Hampshire is looking better to them, because of taxes. Joel said it is possible to ask the voters about giving this company a tax break. Joel will keep the board informed on this.

Roads: Mark Castonguay, Road Foreman, informed the board that he had been grading some of the roads and they are drying up well.

Joel updated the board on the issues of the Charbonneau culvert and Better Back Roads Grant, as there are new members who weren't sure of the on going issues.

Joel presented the board with the Annual Financial Plan for town highways. A motion was made by Jim Webb to have the board sign the plan. Mike Worth seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Mike asked Ray about taking down the Christmas decorations and banners on the poles. Ray said he would get to them in a week or so.

Jim Webb mentioned the bollards at the Community National Bank building. Three people have hit these. Jim suggested painting them bright yellow.

Personnel: Nothing

Validate actions taken at last meeting: there may have been a small defect in the warning for the re-organizational meeting. A motion was made by Jim Webb to endorse all previous decisions. Mike Worth seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Wellness check: The town has received \$1455.00 check from VLCT's wellness program as an award for the employees taking part in the wellness program. A motion was made by Jim Webb to divide the money between the eight employees who took part in the program. Mike Worth seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

USTA membership: The membership for the Us Tennis Association is now due. Joel informed the board that the town keeps this membership so that we are eligible for their grant programs. A motion was made by Jim Webb to re-new this membership. Mike Worth seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried..

Proposed zoning by-law amendments: Done under public comment.

Partial re-appraisal: Joel informed the board that our hired appraiser is advising that many of our properties are overvalued; so the hired appraiser will re-appraise the properties that are out of line for a fee of \$16,000 heading off a full re-appraisal which costs around \$80,000. Alan Wing will hold a meeting with the lister's board about this situation and how the town should handle this. Joel just wanted to bring this to the boards attention and no decision needed to be made at this time.

KAS Agreement: Joel gave the board the KAS Agreement to be signed so they can proceed with the next phase of work that needs to be done. A motion was made by Jim Webb to sign the agreement. Mike Worth seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Administrative report: Joel informed the board of projects he had been working on, and those he would continue to work on. (List is attached)

Set rates for town equipment: Jim Webb motions to set the rates for the town equipment as follows. Mike Worth seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Backhoe: \$75.00 per hour
Front-end loader: \$85.00 per hour
Truck: \$55.00 per hour
Grader: \$90.00 per hour
Sidewalk tractor: \$55.00 per hour

Pay orders: The board reviewed and signed the road pay order for \$4,130.25 and the general pay order for \$53,634.35.

Dale Avenue Pump station: The board decided to wait and authorize the engineering agreement at the next meeting.

Other business: Joel had give the board information on why an audit would need to be done, whom to ask and when.

Bruce Melendy from NVDA would like to meet with the board to go over the Basic Emergency Operations Plan. The date will be set at a later time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.