

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2013

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Mike Worth, Kathy Nelson, Bill Hawkins, Mark Castonguay, Pam Arborio, Joel Cope, Teresa Potwin and John Lewandowski (Newark). Mark Ellingwood (Newark) and Stephanie Nagle showed up at a later time.

Chairperson, Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Previous minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the August 6, 2013 meeting. A motion was made by Mike Worth to accept the minutes as printed. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public Comment: Pam Arborio informed the board that she went to the UTG'S Board of Governors meeting and that she was the one that informed them about the met towers. Pam said they had no idea that the PSB has allowed the met towers to be placed.

Buildings and maintenance: Joel informed the board that he has contacted Fred's, Irving, Dead River and Nadeau's about fuel prices, but has not received any response at this time. Joel will also contact Rhyme's and Blanchard's.

Joel informed the board that he has received the final EF Wall bill on the town hall project, and this will wrap up this project.

The handicap accessibility evaluation was done on August 7, 2013. No results have been received yet.

Joel informed the board that the elevator had been inspected, but it needs certain parts, and the company isn't sure if they can still get them due to the age of the elevator. Joel has not heard any information back yet as to the results.

Roads: Mark contacted Gray's paving about the best way to spend the class 2 monies, but Gray's has not called him back at this time. Mark will also contact Pike on this issue as well.

Mark will price piping for an extra catch basin to see if this will solve the water drainage problem at 145 Railroad Street. Joel will look into what needs to be done (easements, permits, etc.) if this is how we decide to go.

Mark informed the board that Walter Neborsky had finished the roadside mowing.

Personnel: Joel informed the board that VLCT will be here on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 11:30 AM to discuss health insurance options with the employees and the board.

The personnel policy discussion was tabled.

Joel informed the board that Mr. Begin won't be able to start as soon as expected due to health issues he is experiencing at this time.

Joel informed the board that the town has not heard anything from the community service worker. Joel will contact her to see if she is still interested in helping with the goose issue.

Administrative report: Joel gave the board a list of projects he has been working on, and those he will continue to work on. (See attached.)

Budget report: The board reviewed the budget report. There were no issues.

Pay Orders: The board signed the road pay order for \$35,936.62 and the general pay order for \$32,234.09.

Newark request on met towers: Mark Ellingwood and John Lewandowski were present from Newark to ask the board if Brighton wanted to join Newark in appealing the PSB's decision on the met towers. Mr. Ellingwood explains to the board that Newark has been working with a lawyer (Brooke Dingleline) on the appeal and that she would be available for questions and to propose the appeal by phone. Ms. Dingleline explained to the board what this appeal would be based on and that this appeal would go before the Supreme Court as an on record appeal. Ms. Dingleline also explained that this would be done at a capped fee of \$15,000. (\$5,000 from each party, Newark, Brighton and Newark Neighbors United.) After questions and discussion with Ms. Dingleline the board told Mr. Ellingwood and Mr. Lewandowski that they would have to do their due diligence before making a decision to be on board with this appeal.

At this time the board adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:50 PM and went into executive session to discuss the REM Building negotiations as well as the appeal of the met towers.

Upon coming out of executive session, Mike Worth made a motion to allow Stephanie Nagle to make a counter offer to the interested party in the REM Building negotiations. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Also, Mike Worth motions to contribute an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the appeal on the met towers. Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.