

whenSelectman's Meeting Minutes June 17, 2015

Present: Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Doug Niles, James Cross, Ed Barber from The Newport Daily Express, Tom Donnellan, Bill Hawkins, Jeff Noyes, Harry Weatherstone, Bucky Tardif, Mark Castonguay, Joel Cope and Teresa Potwin.

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

Update Agenda: Joel informed the board that the agenda needed to be updated to include the search grant.

Public comment: Tom Donnellan was present to address the board on the speeding problem on Pleasant Street in front of his house. The board is looking into ways to slow the traffic down on Pleasant Street. Discussion to place speed bumps is being exercised. Harry Weatherstone was present to address a noise complaint. Mr. Weatherstone informed the board that late at night and many nights during the week someone is letting off fireworks. The board, along with Mr. Noyes will look into this matter and try to find the person/persons responsible for doing this, and take care of this problem.

Read and approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the June 3, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Doug Niles to accept the minutes as printed. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Buildings and Maintenance: Doug Niles informed the remaining board members that the recycling bins will be finished by the end of the week. Mr. Niles asked the question if the board wanted Mr. Tetreault to also purchase the cans to go inside the bins or if the town would purchase them separately. The board agreed it would be just as easy to have Mr. Tetreault purchase the cans, and the town would re-imburse him for them.

Joel had mentioned to the board about maybe placing a dumpster at the recycle center when the new law comes into effect and have each person buy a sticker for their bags and use this dumpster as an option for trash removal. The board will look into this more.

It was discussed about the cluster of traffic at Bulky Day, and the overwhelming amount of people. At the next Bulky Day, Austin's will be asked to place the dumpsters outside of the gate and drop them off early Saturday morning. Also the hours will be changed so that Bulky Day will start at 8:00 AM, instead of 9:00 AM. Ray will also be asked to work as there seems not to be enough man power to handle Bulky Day and all of the recycling.

Bucky Tardif was present to discuss the new heating system for the town hall. Bucky explained the system and all of the options in which he would put in place for the most efficient system. Doug Niles motioned to hire Tardif Heating to replace the heating system in the town hall, with the exception of hiring someone rebuild the concrete floor and filling with crusher run. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The board discussed the location of the food wagon that Matt Barrett wants to place out back. The board wants to make it clear to Mr. Barrett that he may place his wagon out back near where the dumpster is, and place a couple of picnic tables out there, but the whole area out behind the building is not for him to use.

Joel informed the board that the elevator is broken again. The new company will come up to look at it to “bandage” it until next year, this will be a cost that will go into next year’s budget.

Joel showed the board an estimate for gutter’s for the town hall. Joel will get more information on this before a decision is made on this.

Roads: Mark showed the board a list of paving projects for the summer, which include Walnut Street, North Street, Mountain Street , Curran Ave., Derby Street, Sunrise Manor, and some for the water department at an estimated cost of \$19,716.00.

The board discussed paving and fixing the sidewalk on Main Street in front of Simon the Tanner and replacing one set of stairs and new railings. The board was in agreement to start the ball rolling on this project. Costs for this project will come out of the Sidewalk line item in the budget.

Joel informed the board that he has been in contact with Energy Efficiency to see the status of the streetlight project and is now waiting for them to contact him.

Mark informed the board of a washout on the Newark road that has been fixed.

Discussion was made about the purchase of a new truck. The town clerk will have information for the board on the cost of the payments for this at the next meeting. Doug Niles made a motion to allow Mark Castonguay to start the ordering process for the new truck. The first \$40,000.00 will come out of the equipment reserve fund and the rest of the funding will be from a promissory note from the bank. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Personnel: The board reviewed the time sheets.

Recycling Center: Melinda will call the school board to see if the town has permission to put up a fence on the school’s land between the recycling Center and the Gillis property.

Budget report: The board reviewed the budget report.

Pay orders: The board signed the general pay orders and the road pay orders.

Other business: Joel informed the board on the next steps that need to be taken to the search grant and that he is working on this process at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.