

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

Present: Bill Hawkins, James Budrewicz, Roland Barney, Joel Cope, Teresa Potwin, Ray Fontaine, James Cross, Doug Niles, Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, and Ed Barber from The Newport Daily Express.

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

Update agenda: Nothing to update.

Public comment: The board will go into executive session to discuss the Island Pond Historical Society and the Island Pond Maple Factory.

Roland Barney, Cemetery Commissioner, was present to discuss the cemetery funds, and who would be paying for the Gerstel interment. It was decided that because the cemetery has funds in cd's and stocks, and the cd's are not gaining any interest and it is a minimal penalty for withdrawal from the cd, that the payments would come from this, instead of putting the town's budget over.

James Budrewicz was present to discuss the speeding on Pleasant Street by his house. Mr. Budrewicz had stated that down the street the problem seemed to have been lessened because of police presence, but now they seem to be speeding past his house which is further up the road. Mr. Budrewicz just wanted to bring this to the boards attention, and ask that maybe the police patrol his area of the street to rectify this problem before someone gets hurt. Melinda will speak with Jeff Noyes about this.

Read and approve minutes: The board read the minutes of the August 19, 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.

Building and maintenance: Melinda updated the board about the progress that Bucky has made on the heating system. The system is 99 % finished and Bucky will do a test run on Wednesday, September 3, 2015. Bucky has the inspector coming up on Tuesday to inspect it, and then after his approval it can be up and running.

Joel informed the board of two options for the elevator. We can either replace the system we have with one that is exactly the same for around 15,000.00 or look into an enclosed elevator for around 25,000.00. The only issue is that the planning grant for the architect who would be able to tell us where and which option is best is not available until December. The board is more interested, at this time, in replacing the one that we have for 15,000.00 but Joel will discuss this more with the architect.

Melinda informed the board that Awesome Welding gave her a quote of \$2215.00 for the hand railing for the steps on Main Street. Melinda asked if the board wanted to go with this or get more quotes. A motion was made by James Cross to hire Awesome Welding to do the hand railing. Doug Niles seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Buildings and Maintenance (cont.): Joel informed the board that the price of the dvd recorders that he mentioned at the last meeting did not include the hard drives which cost about \$100.00. So, instead of ordering two dvd recorders, Joel asked the board if it was okay with them to order one dvd recorder and one hard drive, at the same cost as two dvd recorders. The board said this was fine.

The quote for the door repair at the fire station was \$915.00. The board had already approved \$1000.00, so this project can move forward.

The board has decided to hold Bulky Day in September.

The board discussed options for the park area. Joel suggested turning it into a seating area with benches and a picnic table or two with a pavilion and maybe a couple of grills. The board agreed that this would be a good use for this space.

Roads: Joel has been keeping in touch about the street light project, and this has been slowly progressing.

Dave Antoine sent the bid specs, and Joel has given this to Mark to get bids. Mark has been in contact with two contractors so far.

A & E was here and Joel gave the board a copy of the sketch for the project. Joe Duncan will be here to discuss this in more detail on September 16, 2015.

The board has decided to not replace the pay phone on the Main Street at this time.

Personnel: The personnel policy had been tabled.

The board reviewed the timesheets of the employees.

Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire: A motion was made by James Cross to have Joel answer the municipal impact questionnaire for act 250 on the pavilion project at Lakeside Campground. Doug Niles seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Budget report: The board reviewed the budget report.

Waste Management: Melinda will double check with Jeanne Gervais to make sure that it is okay with the school that the fence at the recycle center be put up. Mark can go ahead with this project.

Other business: Joel reminded the board of the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting to be held on September 21, 2015.

Joel informed the board that we will be discussing the Municipal Planning Grant Resolution at the next meeting.

At this time, a motion was made by Doug Niles to adjourn the regularly scheduled select board meeting and go into executive session to discuss the Island Pond Historical Society and the Island Pond Maple Factory. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

The board came out of Executive Session and approved offering the IP Historical Society a reduced rent of \$8,768.25 for Year 2015 for the 1299 Sq Ft of space they use, and offered the unfinished storage room at the top of the stairs at no cost for the Year 2015.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.