

Selectboard Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2008 followed the warned 6:00 pm Executive Session

Present:

Alene Evans,
Joseph Juhasz,
Henry Martin, not present

Carole Melis
Brud Sanderson,
Selectboard

Participating members:

Linda Hoard; Fredrick Hege, Rescue;
Jeffrey Russ; Kurt Bostrom, Road
Foreman

Present for ***Executive Session***: Evans, Melis & Sanderson; Bernhardt, Lucier & Royce

At 6:00 PM Evans moved into Executive Session, under Title 1, section 313, to discuss personnel and contract, seconded by Sanderson, unanimously carried by the Board.

At 6:50 PM Melis moved out of Executive Session, seconded by Sanderson, unanimously carried by the Board.

Ann Bernhardt presented a summary of events of July 11th and B&B's proposed contract.

1. At 7:00 PM vice chair, Evans, ***called the Meeting to Order*** and then recognized ***Participating Members***:

Linda Hoag thanked Melis for inviting her and indicated that she would work per diem for the town and maybe consider running for the position of Town Treasurer, as this position is not vacant. Hoard left at 7:20 PM

Fredrick Hege notified the Board that the Town will receive bills for the continuation of our WEB site and domain.

Director of RESCUE, Hege spoke of their pending meetings with the towns serviced by RESCUE in order to continue their initiative for open communication. RESCUE is seeking funds thru donations, grants, etc. to assist in the replacing ambulances and start reducing their debt. Hege left at 7:30 PM

Jeffrey Russ reported that the Fountain's basin leaks and as well as the holding tank both needing to be replaced. Russ will report back after he contacts Falvey pool to see if they were interested in this construction. Russ left at 7:35 PM

1a. Town Clerk and/or Treasurer: no report

1b. Kurt Bostrom, Highway foreman:

- Bostrom suggested that the Town stay with Cargil Salt because VLCT has been unsuccessful in acquiring a source to provide bulk salt. Cargil will continue servicing their Towns, a price increase of \$7.00. After discussion *Melis moved to continue purchasing salt through Cargil, seconded by Evans, unanimously carried by the Board.*
- Road side mowing is going well. He has been taking advantage of the good weather which attributes to his overtime. He had to replace 3 hoses.
- Winter Sand: Cersosimo increased the delivering of sand by \$1.00, this price is good all winter. After discussion *Melis moved to contract with Cersosimo for winter sand at \$12.50 per yard, seconded by Juhasz, unanimously carried by the Board.*
- Bostrom saw no reason to deny Fairpoint's request for the placement of a pole on Simpson Brook Road which Evans signed. After *moved by Melis, seconded by Sanderson, unanimously carried by the Board.* It will be given to the Town Clerk for recording. They will fix low hanging wires further up Simpson Brook Rd because Truck 8 catches them.
- Additional paperwork, asking employees to consider direct deposit, will accompany payroll checks.
- The backhoe works well and has been replacing many culverts, weather permitting.
- He followed up on the Board's request to get bids to replace Truck #3 which were briefly reviewed.
- The shoulder along the Common Road side, across from the church, was filled in with gravel. As requested by GCH's Fair Day, chair Holt's letter to Bostrom.
- The Grader will be out of service for 2 weeks because of turbo issues covered under warranty. The Town pays for only transporting it. At this same time he will have body work done to the one ton truck.
- He repeated what Hege had reported earlier on the excavation and replacement of a manhole in front of the Elementary School, which will affect our roadside. GCH had copied the Board of this work needed to update their sewer line. Bostrom left at 8:00 PM

Carole received the necessary input on:

#1 the "dismal section" of the Personal Policies . . . An employee may be sent home by the Supervisor, immediately.

#2 the requirement of the road crew wearing steel toes shoes, the Board's consensus was to give them up to \$100 reimbursement, after receiving the receipt of purchase.

Evans has suggested that the Bookkeeper prepare all payroll checks on Tuesday. The day employees pick them up will remain the same. She suggested contacting the Library Trustees to see if they could prepare the pay order earlier, in order for the bookkeeper to prepare all pay rolls.

1c. Bookkeeper, Merideth Roberts' report:

The Board suggested that Roberts' seek a volunteer to assist her in filing, but agreed in the hiring of someone. She has been working with Bean to change the method of reporting Petty Cash.

2. Minutes – July 11th and 13th and July 28th

Approving the July 11th and 13th meeting minutes were tabled.

After review and corrections *Melis moved to accept the corrected July 28th minutes, seconded by Juhasz, carried by those present.* Sanderson abstained.

3. Warrants *moved to be paid by Melis, seconded by Evans,*

Dated August 8th thru August 8th payroll \$4,227.76 / accounts payable \$31,216.34

The Board discussed many alternatives and situations in paying a salaried person for additional services performed outside their elected position. *After discussion Sanderson moved to pay Anita Bean for her work stuffing envelopes with tax bills, seconded by Evans, carried by those present.* 3 yes, 1 no (Melis),

4. Old Business

Marshall & Swift license – The Board accepted the Listers to renew this license for payment.

Valley Care's 7/28 letter – Davis was instructed to contact Ann Bernhardt, B&B Associates, ask if she would respond to this letter, copying the Board.

Town Hall maintenance person – Three are interested in the position, one was under the age of 18, Evans tabled taking any action until Martin's return.

08-09 Budget – Everyone was reminded that the budget process could be started, the 07-08 financial year has been closed.

Professional Audit – The Board's consensus was to continue finding an Auditor. Juhasz will contact Mudgett.

5. New Business – No action taken.

- After discussion everyone agreed not to pre pay for fuel due to declining prices. Consequently the bids from Kearley Fuel and Cota & Cota were not considered.
- The copied letter from Environment Conservation stated GCH's request to amend and update their Waste Water permit 68 Carlos Otis Health Care Center.

6. Other Business

- State of VT - Project review P. Galbraith offering their facility for breakfast & small parties (Old Brick Tavern)
- Permit WW-2-3197 Austin Prentiss 1139 State Forest Rd

7. Executive Session - none at this time

8. Next meeting – August 14, 2008

9. At 9:20 pm Juhasz moved to Adjourn, seconded by Evans, unanimously carried by the Board.

Respectively submitted,

Cynthia Davis, clerk for the Selectboard