

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2015 - Kimball Hall @ 6:00 p.m.

Selectmen present: Brooks and Ladd: Michael Lynch and Chester Smart

Tim began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Lynch came to talk to the Selectmen about a number of things and the conversation began with the Town Hall Driveway.

Mike said that the parking area would be 40' X 60' and the driveway would be 40' X 16' and that he would dig out some of the bank and put a block wall. Mike also said that the main water line would need to be insulated since cars would be driving over it. Mike gave the Selectmen an estimate of \$9,500.00 for the complete job. Mike said that he would be cutting some small trees down and there were a couple of large pine trees and the Selectmen said to take those down also.

Mike also spoke to the Selectmen about the roads that need work, with Covey Rd. being the most important at this point and then Fuller Rd. The Selectmen said that they would like Mike to get working on Covey Rd. as soon as possible. Then when he's done, come back and the Selectmen will decide where Mike should go next.

Mike talked to the Selectmen about School Hill and how one side was never finished so there is no drainage on the left side.

Mike said that he doesn't have any numbers yet but he wouldn't work on that until school has recessed for summer vacation.

Mike said that there is more Non-Grant work to be done on Christie Rd.

Bill Zanes asked Mike if he would rent a grinder to lift the tar from Fuller Rd and Mike said that he will use his excavator and that he will only be doing that to half of Fuller Rd. for this year since the rest of the pavement is in pretty good shape.

Brooks/Ladd (2/0 approved) motion for Mike to start work on Covey Rd.

Mike asked the Selectmen if all of the Departments could be given the form for Dirt Work and the Selectmen said yes.

Mike also came to talk to the Selectmen about the mowing position that is available. Mike is also a member of the School Board and was wondering if the town would be okay with combining the School and Town Mowing to save some money.

The Selectmen said that they would be okay with that but Mike will need to bring it to the School Board Meeting and also talk with Chester.

The Selectmen discussed the Police Department Hiring Committee and Tim said that he has retired State Trooper Jim Crosley that is interested in being on this committee. Chuck said that he would also participate. The Selectmen said that it will be the Board of Selectmen that will have the final say as to who gets hired. The Selectmen said that they will keep Wayne as OIC until they do make a decision and that they are in no hurry to do so. The other members of this committee will be Robin Kimball Rheume, Bill Zanes. Jamie was trying to get someone from the Hollow interested. It was decided that the first meeting will be May 11th but Suzanne will need to get in touch with everyone to see what would be a good time for everyone. This meeting will need to be posted as a Work Session.

Chester came to talk to the Selectmen about the mowing position and the Selectmen said that they usually ask the Dept. Head will give them their recommendation and the Selectmen will go from there. Chester suggested hiring both of the applicants and having one as a back-up person.

Brooks/Ladd (2/0 approved) motion to hire Joe Hakey as the primary mower and Shawn Covill as his back-up.

Chester also let the Selectmen know that he will be ordering the new 0-turn mower this week.

Tim said that Community Day is coming up and he has a couple of project in mind with one of them being the removal of storm windows and washing windows at the Train Station.

Rachel O'Meara asked if the Selectmen would considered he for the Alternate Planning Board Position and the Selectmen said absolutely. The Office will need to prepare the Oath of Office.

The Selectmen reviewed information on a Lien Agreement with H. Saunders. Some of the information said that the heirs have six months to buy the property back, etc. The Selectmen said that they would like to wait the six months and go from there.

[Ladd/Brooks (2/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and ordered the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34303-34305 in the amount of \$1,157.98 DD P/R Payments in the amount of \$1,592.80 and A/P Checks #34306-34314 in the amount of \$4,018.37 in the Selectmen's Office on 4/27/15(last week's manifest).

Ladd/Brooks (2/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34315 in the amount of \$151.45 and DD P/R Checks in the mount of \$1,936.79 and A/P Checks #34316-34333 in the amount of \$16,102.77 as presented on the Agenda.

Documents signed between Meetings: List of Real Estate on which exemption is claimed.

Brooks/Ladd (2/0 approved) motion to switch from Capitol Alarm to Lufkin's Alarm Systems per Chuck Stinson's recommendation.

Signed Reservation Applications for S. Kennett/D. Bruno Funeral Luncheon/J. Moran-Co-op.

Signed DOT removal of vegetation at the school to increase sight distance.

Brooks/Ladd (2/0 approved) motion for Mike Lynch to sign this document as Contractor.

Signed Agreement for Dominic Castaldi.

Signed Abatement for Gary Puleo.

No Meeting Minutes were approved since Tim was not present at the April 20th meeting and Jamie was absent from tonight's meeting. The meeting minutes will need to be approved at the May 18th meeting.

Reviewed request from 4-H for Beautification money for flowers around town.
Ladd/Brooks (2/0 approved) motion to give money to the 4-H for planting flowers around town.
Reviewed Eversource workshop information to improve town's energy costs.
Reviewed Red List for Bridges, Stratford is not listed.
Reviewed Mortgage Foreclosure on Hathaway Property.
Reviewed USDA Congratulations Letter for Grand Funding for the Town of Stratford for the Town Garage Repairs.
Reviewed Hazard Mitigation Meetings .
Reviewed Closeout for Christie and Bordeau Rd. Meeting which Larry will attend on 5/14/15.
Tim said that we need to start looking into buildings such as painting of the Train Station, moving and painting of the Ticket Booth that belongs at the Train Station (money from both of these to come out of RR Station Trust Fund) and repairs to the Grange Building.
Sandra Theberge said that the water at Kimball Hall is getting slow again and was wondering if Chuck could check the check valve again. The Selectmen said that they wanted Chuck to take a look at the filter.
Rachel O'Meara said that there are people living at the old Punk Christie residence and she is wondering where their sewerage is going and Rachel said that there have been trees cut and garbage all around. The Selectmen asked to have Claire Schooner, the town's Health Officer, to go there and see what is going on. The Selectmen also said to remind Claire that the town does have a Police Officer if she would like him to accompany her there.
Larry asked about the Portable Toilet that we usually rent for the Hollow Park where the Pavilion is and it was decided to have two this year, one in the Hollow and one at the Park in town.
Tim said that he would like all of the Courts (Tennis & Basketball) checked to see if they need a work done to them.
Brooks/Ladd (2/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 6:40 pm.

Prepared by B. Ladd