

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2016 - Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Davis and Macdonald: Others present: Kimberly Toote, Tonya St. Cyr, Nancy Bishop, Vicki DeLalla, Mike Lynch, Wayne Hall, Charles Goulet and Suzanne Goulet

Jamie started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tonya St. Cyr and Kimberly Toote from Mascoma Bank came to talk to the Selectmen about the many services that they offer. Tonya said that they have a Municipal Department out of White River Jct. and that they also deal with Foundations for area Organizations from Keene to Lancaster along with many other services. Tonya said that they do not recommend CD's any longer but that they recommend the ICS Program which has a better interest rate. Tonya and Kimberly presented the Selectmen with a packet for them to look over and if they have any questions they encouraged them to call. Tonya and Kimberly thanked the Selectmen for their time.

Mike Lynch gave Suzanne the Maps from DOT that he has reviewed with very few changes.

Mike told the Selectmen that the Dumpsters on River Street have created holes in the pavement. Mike said that he told them to put them in the driveway or at least put planks down. Mike said that they started to put planks down but they haven't been doing that every time. Mike said that he told Clark Jeffers that he will need to repair the road and Clark told Mike that he wasn't going to be fixing anything. Mike said that where the sidewalk was, it will at least need to be level with the road.

Mike mentioned that the Selectmen should confirm how much authority they have over Contractors. Mike also advised the Selectmen that he would like to have an ad put in the paper every Spring stating that the Town Roads are closed to heavy traffic.

Mike told the Selectmen that he did speak to Phil Bouleou from the State about the Parking Lot Project and the concern about the new exit. Mike said that the State would like him to fill out a Permit.

Mike also told that Selectmen that the water bar that he put in front of the Chapman Property on Mason Rd. has washed out and Mike was wondering if the Selectmen wanted him to put in another water bar. The Selectmen said that it isn't up to the town to pay for this and the Chapman's haven't paid for the last one yet. Mike said that he would stop to talk to the Chapman's and ask them if they want the option of installing a water bar themselves and give him a week to do it.

Mike said that he thinks that when the new exit for the parking lot is installed a road name will need to be decided on. Suzanne said that she would call Casey Gordan from 911 to see if he thought that would be necessary. The town is still waiting for the Final (recorded) Survey before Mike can start this project.

Nancy Bishop came to talk to the Selectmen about the problem with erosion of her property that the state has created. Nancy said that this has been going on the two years. Nancy said that she has spoken to both Brian Schutt and Phil Bouleau. Nancy said that Rick Sampson was supposed to send pictures and talk to John Rideout (state rep.) about this issue and she has not heard anything from anyone. Clayton said that he thinks that the town should voice the Town's Complaint. Clayton also said that he is the town's representative for the Transportation Action Committee and he will contact NCC to push the state on this issue.

Vicki DeLalla said that the Master of the Grange (Steve Tracey) voiced his dismay that the other Grange Members did not agree with him as the last meeting. Vicki is the Treasurer and she stated that they have \$270.00 now that will be going to the town and they are still planning on having more fundraisers. Vicki said that the Grange is very appreciative for everything that the town has done and is continuing to do for them.

Suzanne told the Selectmen that Gary had a couple of issues with the Contract. Gary talked to Suzanne about the CAMA and that a manual can be obtained from Avitar. Suzanne talked to the Selectmen about Gary's Contract and that they could either consider having a Bond included in the contract or the town could hold 10% of the Contracted Amount until the Assessing is completed. The Selectmen decided to go with holding the 10% until the Assessing is completed to be added to the contract.

Suzanne told the Selectmen that she received an email from DRED and Scott Dillon concerning the ERZ and they both thanked the town for their time spent on this issue and they all understand their decision.

Suzanne spoke to the Selectmen about the notice to be posted on the town's website concerning Emergency Services.

Suzanne said that it will read that "All Stratford Residents should call 911 In case of an Emergency" with a note that the Town of Stratford has a contract with Lancaster Dispatch for Emergency Services.

Suzanne informed that Selectmen that the Safety Meeting Committee held there 1st Quarterly Meeting last Thursday at the Library/Train Station. Suzanne told the Selectmen that they found that there was a rug in the children's room that prevents a door from opening. Suzanne said that either the door will need to be shaved or the rug will need to be removed. Suzanne also said that they found a light that is just hanging in one of the rooms. Charles Goulet said that he is not able to find the replacement parts that he would need to fix it. Jamie said that he would look at it and talk to Tim Brooks about it. Suzanne said that the clutter that they found last year has been taken care of.

Charles said that he would be closing the Transfer Station on May 16th for the Annual Conference and that he would have that posted.

Charles also spoke to the Selectmen about a Free Day, at the Transfer Station, in May and after a little bit of discussion on the day it was agreed to have it on May 7th.

Vicki expressed that she would like the Tennis Court to stay unlocked since there are people that do use it.

Suzanne asked the Selectmen if they had come up with the wording of the signs to be posed at both end of Percy Rd.

There was much discussion and they decided on "Danger Unsafe Road" and at the south end they would also like to add "Use Bog Road".

The Selectmen asked Chief Hall if he checked with Troop F and Dispatch to make sure that the protocol is set up correctly.

Chief Hall said that he thinks that he was confused about exactly what they wanted him to do. Chief Hall said that he would like to get a copy of what was received from Colebrook and he will verify the protocol this week.

Jamie said that he spoke to Tanko and they sent him a different quote with an increase in Labor to \$35.00 plus other Fees which is a \$48.00 difference. Tanko told Jamie that they could offer last year's model of light at the old price. Suzanne said that they can't do that, we have a signed contract for \$306.00 per light and the Contract should be binding. Jamie said that he would contact them again tomorrow.

Jamie said that he would be checking Horizons on the Town Hall Survey and Suzanne told him to inquire about the Stevens property.

Davis/Macdonald (2/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #35271-35272 in the amount of \$235.49 and DD P/R Checks in the amount of \$1,818.98 and A/P Checks #35273, 35274, 35282-35297 in the amount of \$8,922.98 as presented on the Agenda.

Signed Between Meetings: Clayton signed the 2015 Annual Facility Report, Transfer Station & Recycle Center.

Signed Parade Permit for Old Home Day.

Signed Property Exemption Requests for Old Home Day Committee and Roman Catholic Church. The one for New England Forestry Foundation was denied as usual.

Davis/Macdonald (2/0 approved) motion to approve meeting minutes for 3/28/16 with one correction and non-public minutes for 3/28/16.

Reviewed DTC Letters Re: 2015-0626 PSNH Lawsuit concerning technicalities.

Reviewed requested update from June Garneau on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Reviewed copy of Wetlands Permit prepared by DRED.

Reviewed Legislative Bulletin concerning towns now being able to vote to give all veterans a tax credit. Presently they need to meet the criteria.

Reviewed all vacancies that still need to be filled. There is 1 Alt. Vacancy in the Planning Board, 3 Vacancies on the Zoning Board of Adjustments, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds, 2 Dem. Ballot Clerks, 2 Rep. Ballot Clerks, 1 Backup Ballot Clerk for both Parties. Claire Schooner and Carlton Harris also need to renew their positions as Health Office.

Chief Wayne Hall said that people are complaining about all of the dog feces in the park. People are bringing their dogs to the park and letting them defecate without picking it up. Chief Hall said that he can legally fine them \$50.00. Clayton said that there is a State Ordinance. The Selectmen said that they would like to check into cost of the pickup stations.

Chief Hall spoke to the Selectmen about the Ad for a Police Officer and what the Selectmen have decided on the rate of pay. The Selectmen decided that they would like the ad to be put in the paper and wait and see what kind of response they get and what qualifications these candidates may have and go from there.

Chief Hall signed the Verbal Warning that was given to him last week.

Davis/Macdonald (2/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 5:26 p.m.