

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Town Offices Date: January 26, 2012

Meeting Opened: 6:45 PM Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 PM

Present: Jay Jacobs, Chair, Charles Michal, Seth Kallman.

Met with representatives of the Conservation Commission (Chair Winston Sims, Jean Rosenthal, Harry Wolhandler and Laurie Appel. The CC is requesting a budget of \$515 plus the Selectmen's support to withdraw \$6,000 from the Conservation Fund. The CC will draft a Warrant Article outlining a potential \$12,000 study to be carried out by the Monadnock Conservancy, with the Conservancy seeking grants from the NH Charitable Trust to keep the cost to the Town at or below \$6,000. Jay and Seth noted that on the surface, \$12,000 too much unless there was evidence that the process could actually engage the larger community. Jay noted that public forums like 2020, or Town Meeting, do not represent 'what the Town thinks'. An important and significant portion of the Town's populace doesn't communicate or participate in that manner. The CC agreed and emphasized that they selected Monadnock Conservancy over SW Regional Planning because of the community survey process the Conservancy is promising.

Selectmen met with Peg Monahan, director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters serving south western NH. They supported 445 'matches' last year, at of \$629 (half the national level) She is here requesting the Town support. Two children were served in Harrisville last year. The Selectmen committed to \$600 contribution for 2012, which will be added to the proposed 2012 budget presented in March.

Met with Cornelia Schwartz who requested that the Selectmen consider a request for property tax abatement further than one year back. Selectmen denied the request, noting State law and the obligation of each property owner to address perceived assessment problems with one tax year.

Met with David and Renae O'Neil who wanted further explanation of the Selectmen's letter they had received.

Documents signed or reviewed:

Reviewed and approved current bills.

Signed Abatement Application for the property located on 26 Kadakit Street (Map 32, Lot 35), owned by Toivo Saari.

Selectmen authorized Sue Silver from Connecticut River bank to increase the daily limit on the debit card issued to the Town Clerk to \$500.

Selectmen declined to respond to Keene High School Project Graduation request for donations.

Vachon Clukay & Company, PC – Agreement for Services provided to the Town – tabled till following meeting.

Department Items:

Selectmen discussed what to do regarding providing a standby generator for the Town Office. Seth believes we should install a small separate generator. Jay wants to install a new generator serving both the fire station and the Town Office. No decision was reached and further discussion was postponed.

Treasurer Ann Havill requests that the Town moves money from TD Banknorth to CRBNA as the CRBNA balance is low. The Selectboard authorizes a transfer of \$300,000 (three hundred thousand) in to CRBNA. Once

the Treasurer reports to the Selectmen that all outstanding checks have cleared the TD Banknorth Account, all electronic deposit authorizations and any electronic debits have been shifted to CRBNA, the TD Banknorth account should be closed.

Selectmen met with Highway Department Head Wes Tarr to discuss his 2012 budget request. A Breed Road Culvert crossing proposal from Tom Forest was reviewed and will be sent back because Wes does not want to see a 100 foot long culvert in place.

Department Head Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2012

Planning Board – Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2011 and January 11, 2012

Recycling Center – NRRRA Town Insertion for the Town Report

Correspondence for review:

Suggestions for IT needs for the Town Office offered by Alexis Pittman, in support of budget efforts for 2012.

Town of Gilsum notification of a Public Hearing scheduled for February 7th regarding a proposal from AT&T for a proposed wireless Telecommunication Facility

Communications regarding residents and other business:

Draft of the Article for Common Threads for the Salt Shed. This is too large for Common Threads, but they will insert it for free if the Town can have it printed as an insert. Selectmen will have an insert printed.

Final Water Warrant Document received from Christine Destrempe

A request from the Community Kitchen for \$500.00 support to be considered for the 2012 budget.

Preliminary Report provided by MW Soils regarding the Hancock Road Bridges and the Prospect Street Bridges.

Samples of Natural Resource Inventory provided by Winston Sims, for the Town of Hinsdale.

Upcoming Meetings:

February 9th – Budget Hearing

March 13th – Town Meeting