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May 25, 2010
Selectmen's Meeting

Present: M. Richardson, Chairman, A. Richards, C. Guiry DMD & A. A. Milkovits

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM.

Vendor checks were discussed and signed.

Agenda:

Appointments:

1. Catherine Schwenk, Moderator, met to request that the Board set voting hours for the Primary in September. The polling hours were set for 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the Primary. Polling hours for the State Elections will be set at a later date.
2. Wally Brown, Buildings & Grounds Manager met with the Board to discuss the following:
 - Wooden chairs at Town Hall – There are 65 sets of wooden folding chairs and Mr. Brown proposes selling 50 sets and donating the money to the Mason Historical Society. After some discussion, the Selectmen voted their approval of selling 50 sets of chairs, after the chairs have been appraised. The money received will go into the Town's general fund and have to be voted at Town Meeting to donate to the Historical Society.
 - Three parking spaces at the Mann House driveway – Mr. Brown feels that these spaces should be reserved for customers of the Town Office and should not be used by the Town employees during business hours. Selectmen agreed and will send memos to all Department heads to confine any Town employee parking to the back parking lot during the Town Office business hours.
 - Money voted to Highway Equipment Capital Reserve - \$500 voted at Town Meeting for Capital Reserve was actually from the sale of a Town Commons tractor. Mr. Brown needed to replace one of the self-propelled mowers and was planning on using that money to purchase a new one. After some discussion, the Board decided to request the Highway Department to pay for the new mower since the money went to benefit the Highway Capital Reserve.
 - Update on Gazebo Project – So far the Committee has raised \$1,100 towards the total cost of \$5,000 for the gazebo. They will be hosting a "mini" Old Home Day on August 29th with the Wolf Rockers' BBQ, farmer's market and concert on the Common to help raise more funds. The Board commended the Committee on their efforts.
 - Part Time Employee Raises – Mr. Brown expressed his concern for the lack of raises for the part-time help. He also stated that many part-timers work the same hours, plow late at night, etc. as full timers and are upset by this oversight. Chairman Richardson explained the reasoning for the raises for the full time employees and the difficulty in the decision against also increasing the part-timers.
3. Jeff Babel, Hurricane Hill Road, met with the Board to express his interest in the upcoming vacancy on the Board of Selectmen. He stated that he would be willing

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to serve out the term until March 2011 but his regular job as Hollis DPW Director comes first. Any weather related events could cause conflicts. The Board thanked him for his interest and will let him know their decision.

4. Gerard Letourneau, Wilton Road, also came to express his interest in the upcoming vacancy on the Board of Selectmen. He explained that he has worked on Highway unions and understands road workings. The Board thanked Mr. Letourneau for his interest and will let him know their decision.
5. Police Chief Barry Hutchins updated the Board on the dog issue Re: Theresa Horton). Martha Jacques, Town Police Prosecutor, reviewed all the statements and has recommended that Holly Crooker, owner of the dog be charged with unlicensed dog, no proof of rabies vaccination and dangerous dog at large. The Chief will also ask the Court for restitution for Mrs. Horton's vet bills. Selectmen were satisfied with these results.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

1. Proposal for paper recycling bin: Town Clerk Susan Wagoner had contacted Abitibi Bowwater-Paperretriever Company concerning their program for paper recycling. The company would provide bins to collect all kinds of paper, magazines, newspaper, etc., excluding cardboard phonebooks, cereal boxes, plastic, aluminum and trash. The Town would have to generate a minimum of 2 tons per month in order to be paid \$5 for the recycling. Selectmen discussed some of their concerns: trash could be placed in the bin with the paper; paper could blow around the area. Selectman Richards pointed out that tax money is paid to the Wilton Recycling Center and that recycling center should be used by the Town. After more discussion, the Board voted not to accept the proposal from Paperretriever Company.
2. Road issues: Complaint from Joanne Gates, Pullman Road on the condition of Abbott Hill Road. Selectmen discussed whether the Highway Department should continue to patch the road or if the road should be "reclaimed". No decision was made at this time. Selectman Guiry discussed the meetings with FEMA representative Charles who is working with the Town on the application. Dr. Guiry is hopeful that the Town will receive money to do some major road repairs.
3. Building Permits: #10-08 Hodges, lot B-22-3, garage; #10-09 Landry, lot K-6-1, 2 decks
4. Completion Certificate: Mason School-Church, Mason School-Addition, & Mason School-Renovation
5. April Expense Report
6. Notices: PB meeting on May 26th, BOA meeting on June 21st, WRPC meeting on June 9th & others
7. Other correspondence

Selectmen discussed the E.O.P. and NIMCAST. Before any applications for grants, the E.O.P. and Hazard Mitigation Plans must be certified. Chairman Richardson will be finishing the E.O.P. before he moves.

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Selectmen discussed the solar exemption and voted to set the maximum for electrical at \$3,000 and the minimum for solar water at \$2,000. There are five residences with solar exemptions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Barbara L. Milken
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