

August 10, 2010
Selectmen's Meeting

Present: C. Guiry DMD Ch.; A. Richards, R¹P. McGinnity, & ML Simmons

Meeting opened at 7:30PM

Agenda:

Appointments:

7:45PM

1-Wally Brown, Bill Downs, David Morrison-Highway Dept.

Moved to Non Public Session-Uanimous

2. 8:15PM – Rob Doyle

Discussion about invasive species in Mason. Rob has spotted Japanese Knotweed in various spots and wanted to address it now before it becomes a larger issue. Suggestion is cutting and bagging it but not cutting it and leaving as it will root from cuttings. Chris G and others agree that Conservation Committee should get involved as stewardship of the land and identify species, educate Mason, arrange to speak the appropriate person from the state come in with the CC for the next meeting to discuss eradication methods and having it done before the snow. Suggestions made to have a public forum on issue – Rob Doyle suggested he would speak with Barbara Devore because she had someone from the state here early this year.

3. Jerry Bird 8:30PM

Motion forwarded and all in favor – to offer Jerry the EMD-EOP position and he accepted. Jerry is reading through documents and has a few changes.

Chris told Jerry he needs to call Barbara for Jack Morehouse's number and also arrange to get sworn in. Jerry will bring back the documents with changes made to the next Selectman's meeting.

Chris and Pete explained there are 2 projects currently worked on so Mason can obtain grant from state.

4. Liz Fletcher/Conservation Committee 9:00AM

A--Briefly discuss invasive species in Mason and that she and the committee would be willing to be involved in identifying areas with invasive species, getting containment or eradication information from the state. Roundup discuss and using an industrial application done the professionals this fall.

Concern about Public reaction was discussed.

Liz will bring someone from State Highway to next meeting to discuss invasive species and what the state can do along state roads.

B—L Chip grant for Lots B-22/B22.5 B.22-6 and B26

Map presented and attached.

Liz received re-evaluation from Dick Rockwood and much less than originally thought.

Liz queried owner (Lombardy) if we offered \$12,000 would they be interested in selling and they said they would.

Other parcel is more complicated depending on what the planning board decides on how and what can be built. It was made clear that any other made by Conservation Committee and Town has no bearing on the decision of the Planning Board. The whole deal could fall through if the owner doesn't get what he wants when he goes to the Planning Board. Back and forth discussion about possibility of lot breakouts and easements etc, but all of that is in the hands of the Planning Board.

Final outcome- The selectman told Liz she can proceed to apply for the grant only.

Also, Conservation Committee can continue dialog with L Chip and Landowners. The once contingency the selectmen want is that the right of way to the land is to be 50 feet wide and owned by Mason –not an easement.

Motioned forward for above and all were in favor.

L Chip Grant form needs to be return by 8/20 and needs to be signed by Municipal Official. Chris G took it and was going to email it to Sy to look over on 8/11 and make sure it is okay for him to sign. He told Liz he would have it back to her in plenty of time.

Liz also left with Selectmen to read the L Chip guidelines that are considered part of the application.

Unfinished Business

A-Road Conditions

Chris wants to form a committee in conjunction with input from the NPC to come up with a Master Plan concerning the maintenance of roads- short and long term plan. Chris will contact the NPC for information and this will be discussed at next meeting and also try to have a Public Hearing with the NPC concerning roads.

B- Ordinance to Post House numbers – have we heard from Sye – if so and when we need to draft and ordinance and post.

Action Items.

A--Highway dept-Dave Cook- erect stop sign on Brookline and Scripps –
Voted yes by all Selectmen.

B--Letter to Selectmen from James McCormick/Superintendent

Thank you for your letter concerning the Community Service Program for Department of Corrections. –the selectman would be interested in working with you on this outreach program. Please keep us informed of developments.

C-Pam Lassen's memo concerning Quorum.

If there is not quorum there is no voting and it will have to be an information meeting only.

Meeting can be continued until there is a quorum. An effort to make quorum is important.

D- Put Jim McCormick on Selectman's meeting for 7:45 - 8/24. This is in reference to EMD program and future use of school building for emergencies.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00PM

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Vendor checks were discussed and signed.

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Appointments:

1. Wally Brown, Buildings & Grounds Manager, William Downs, HM2, and David Morrison, Assistant Road Agent presented their concerns on the safety of the Town vehicles and Town equipment.
2. Jerry Bird, Hurricane Hill Road, accepted the position of EMD.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

1. Re: Milford Court Closing- Copy of letter from Guy Scaife, Town Administrator for Milford, to Stephen Lorentzen, DAS Bureau of Court Facilities, concerning payment for lease of Milford Court. The payment of \$41, 640.10 was paid by the six towns under protest to keep the Court open until December 31, 2010.
2. Re: Blair – copy of notice and letter from Attorney Little concerning Hearing on oral argument set for August 30th at 1:30 PM at Superior Court.
3. From the Conservation Commission- letter concerning potential wetland filling at lot K-49-1, 1117 Valley Road. Con Com Chairman Bob Larochele and member Liz Fletcher went to the site to inspect the area. They observed a pile of old wood near the edge of the wetland. Mrs. Fletcher spoke to the owner later who stated that she had been cleaning up the property and the pile was left from her earlier work. No wetlands violations had occurred and the owner understands wetland protection.
4. From the BTLA: Order to settle with taxpayers Vivianne and Rod Rocheleau by December 2, 2010. This will be forwarded to Assessor Richard Rockwood.
5. From Rockwood Appraisal Service for Con. Com. – letter of opinion on Lots B-26 and B-22. Estimated total value for both pieces is \$90,450.
6. From Pam Lassen, Chairman Planning Board – question concerning determining the quorum for meetings and hearings. The RSA states that a majority of the Board makes up the quorum.
7. From Road Agent David Cook – Roy Lundstedt, Brookline Road, has requested a stop sign be located on Scripps Lane as it enters Brookline Road. It seems that many drivers pull out of Scripps Lane without stopping or slowing down.
8. Police logs
9. Notice of mortgagee's notice of sale – McKelvey, lot H-59
10. Other correspondence

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.