

February 28, 2012
Selectmen's Meeting

Present: C. Guiry Chairman, A. Richards, R. P. McGinnity & A.A. Milkovits
Residents: 7 present

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM. Vendor checks were then discussed and the check register signed.

Agenda:

Appointments:

1. Superintendent Jim McCormick discussed the school's upcoming audit. He alluded to the past financial difficulties of the school district but assured the Selectmen that with the new software the budgets and financial reporting are under control. He also reassured Selectmen that the MS-24 will be done on time this year with no delays. The Board stressed the importance of timely filing as it affects when the tax rate is set. Any delays mean the town sends out the tax bills later and will have to borrow more from the TAN thereby incurring more interest. Mr. McCormick also discussed the various grants that he has applied for and received for the school district. The school district is participating with the NRPC directed Nashua co-op for electricity savings. Selectman Richards had attended the meetings for the co-op but it did not appear to have much of a savings for the town. Selectman McGinnity discussed ResidentPower.com which he is a member of and has had substantial savings on his electricity rates. The Board will contact ResidentPower.com to see if the town could enroll and save on its utility costs. Both the Superintendent and the Selectmen agreed to try to meet quarterly to keep the town and school district updated on necessary issues.
2. Martin Milkovits, candidate for Town Clerk/Tax Collector, met with the Board to update on his surgery and with questions on training. He has changed the date for his hip surgery in order to attend the upcoming Town Clerk/Tax Collector training seminars and certifications, if he should be elected. He would like to secure a position on the schedule for the seminars and certification as he had been told that they fill up quickly. He asked if the Board could send a letter to secure an opening on these seminars should he be elected. The Board explained that they cannot act on anything or sign up anyone not elected, until after the election. They will certainly support the elected person in any training needed. And if Mr. Milkovits should win the election, he can sign up for classes the next day. Mr. Milkovits thanked them for their time, stating that he understood their position but is trying to be prepared in all ways.
3. Barbara Devore, Wilton Road, discussed the upcoming Candidates Night and wanted to know who would cover the event. She suggested, since there is not an incumbent running, that the Selectmen sponsor the event. Selectman Richards did not agree with this idea. After more discussion, a motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative that the Selectmen sponsor the Candidates Night, which will be covered under the town's liability insurance.

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Selectmen reviewed the following:

1. Abatement applications for 2011 taxes: Gavin lot H-72, Fauteux lot C-14-3, Rendle lot F-52, Robinson lot C-21, Ingalls lot L-32, Jonas lot J-76-4, Levesque lot L-32, Estate of Arthur Williams lots E-14 & E-46, Chandler lot H-45. These applications will be reviewed by town assessor Richard Rockwood.
2. Decision from BTLA, re: Jonas lot J-76-4. Approved abatement appeal of CU penalty. This was abated to \$6,100. Difference from the \$7,500 bill plus 6% interest will be paid to Jonas.
3. From Attorney Gavin: copy of Report of Settlement Meeting and Order sent to BTLA. This was as agreed that the Selectmen will reconvene meeting upon receipt of a new appraisal.
4. Current use application of Pushee lot D-11-2. This was approved by the Board.
5. Notice from FEMA concerning Project Application under Disaster FEMA-4049-DR-NH, Category A. Town received \$2,157.08 for reimbursement.
6. Completion Certificate: Kullman, lot L-2-1 general upgrade.
7. Police logs
8. From Department of Safety: Application for Repair Registration for A-1 Services – Selectmen signed this form.
9. 2012 Tax Rate estimates: raw estimates for impact of 2012 Warrant Articles. This will be distributed at town meeting.
10. From NRPC: 2011 Annual Report
11. Driveway Permits: Firth lot H-50-1 Campbell Mill Road, Eisenhaure lot F-18-1 Gilman Hill Road, Dillberger lot L-38 Townsend Road.
12. From NHES: copy of community profile
13. From Elm Research Institute: Offer to purchase American Liberty Elm trees for \$99. Chairman Guiry stated that the Forestry Committee may be interested in this offer.
14. Other correspondence: Bankruptcy notification: Vidito 469 Old County Road, Governor's Council on Physical Activity, Request from Gary/Avitar for additions to FAQ section of ASB manual.

Selectmen discussed a request from Town Clerk/Tax Collector to approve a quote for \$498.00 from Security Networks for Fortigate Wireless Firewall 20C., wireless, etc. Mrs. Wagoner had discussed this previously with the Board and the Board agreed to research the present modem speed before any changes occurred. The speed is low and, according to FairPoint will not be changing soon. Mrs. Wagoner had contended that the state will be requiring this change for the registrations, decals and vital statistics. Deputy Debra Morrison was present and stated that this change is due to the vital statistics but she was not sure. Since the funds were not added to the budget, the Board voted to have Selectman McGinnity contact the State DMV, Secretary of State's Office for Vital Statistics and FairPoint to check on this requirement and to get a timeline. At this time the Board denied Mrs. Wagoner's request.

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Selectmen set their next meeting that will occur on Election Day as a "mini" meeting at 11:30 AM at the Mann House, March 13, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.