

March 13, 2012
Selectmen's Meeting – Mini Meeting

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

Meeting opened at 11:35 AM. Vendor checks were then discussed and the check register signed.

Agenda:

Appointments:

1. Road Agent Fred Greenwood discussed the following:
 - 2012 warrant articles: Stainless steel sander – he has a lower bid of \$20,140. The Selectmen will amend the article to \$20,500 at Town Meeting. Used truck article – he will be seeking a 2003-2006 truck possibly from Penske or Ryder. A new truck, cab and chassis, under state bid would cost \$87,296 so there is substantial savings for buying used.
 - The condition and longevity (or lack of) of the Highway vehicles and sanders now owned: 077 needs to be replaced, 072 may not pass inspection, V sanders rotting. He emphasized that the Highway Department is on a good program to start replacing the older equipment with either new or good used equipment that will safely meet the needs of the department and attention is paid to employee care and use of the equipment. The Road Agent is striving to get the best price for the equipment but will not sacrifice safety.
 - Town Offices Retrofit: Selectmen gave the go ahead to continue work on the Selectmen's and Town Clerk/Tax Collector's doors for the retrofit. The lexan has been ordered and the upper portion of the doors will be fitted sometime next week.
 - Mr. Greenwood thanked Chairman Guiry for his guidance and help during his tenure as Selectman.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

1. Abatement applications for 2011 taxes: Calpham Bedford Holdings lots A-22-3, A-22-9, A-22-10 and Estate of Arthur Williams lots E-14 & E-46 (previously received). These applications will be reviewed by town assessor Richard Rockwood.
2. Elderly Exemption Application: Robert & Pauline Bergeron – this application is denied due to the income higher than threshold to qualify.
3. Building Permit: Addonizio lot H-17, house addition
4. Police logs
5. Email from Planning Board Chairman Pam Lassen – requesting access to town office wireless. Selectmen granted this request and advised Planning Board to keep the access private from public.
6. Email from Town Clerk Susan Wagoner – timeline until her departure from Mason.

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7. State driveway permit: Mason Brook Nursery
8. Letter of thanks from M.E.S. Facilities Manager to Mason Highway Department
9. Check from Rte. 31 Money for Metals for \$202.20 for sale of scrap metal from Highway Department.
10. From BTLA – require Selectmen to complete Settlement Report on meeting with Mrs. Gavin in February. Selectmen will send a memo with form explaining that both parties were in agreement to reconvene at a later date to allow Mrs. Gavin to submit a new appraisal.
11. Preparations for Town Meeting
12. Check from LGC-HealthTrust for \$500.00 to be spent for this year's Health and Wellness Campaign.
13. Other correspondence

Selectman McGinnity discussed the following:

- Part- time Police candidate – background completed and candidate will not be hired. Chief Hutchins has a new candidate for the part-time position. He will be starting the background on this candidate.
- Town Website – Selectman McGinnity recommends taking website from present host as the server is continually down and updates are not being done. He feels that the website should be on a different server and would like to coordinate with the school for some cost savings. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to start the search for a new server and host for the website and to coordinate with the Mason School District.
- Town Report: thank you to Martha Simmons, Assistant for her help in finding a new printer for the reports, which saved the Town 50% on the printing of the reports and driving to Brighton to pick up the reports for the Town. Our regular printer, Athol Press had lost our report and would not have been able to have the reports ready in time.
- Broadband Committee: Chairman Guiry requested to be appointed to this committee after his term as Selectman ends this month. Stephen Hoffman, Chairman of the Committee will meet the Board on March 27th for an update on this issue.

Selectmen discussed the 2012 TAN. A motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative to start the process for bids for a line of credit tax anticipation note for \$1,000,000 to settle by mid April.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.