

Minutes of Mason Select Board

October 27, 2015

Approved Minutes

In attendance Board Chair Bernard O'Grady, Board Member Charles Moser, Admin. Ass't Kathy Wile, Barbara Devore, Gary Lizotte, Bob Bergeron, Harry Spears, Wolfgang Millbrandt, Nancy Richards, Liz and Garth Fletcher, Bob LaRochelle, George and Cathy Schwenk, David Baker.

Noted that Brenda Wiley and Pat Letourneau were working in selectmen's office and available as needed.

Call to order at 7:30 pm

Approval of Manifests:

Noted Board of Selectmen signed payroll and accounts payable manifests

Approvals:

Motion by Charles Moser to accept minutes of the Oct 13, 2015 Selectmen meeting minutes as written, seconded by Bernard O'Grady – vote 2-0 in affirmative

New Business:

- FEMA will be sending the town a check in the amount of \$10,757.50 as their portion of payment for the snow disaster event of January 26-28, 2015, as a result of Gary Lizotte's application. The State portion of payment in the amount of \$3585.83 is still being considered. Gary will work with Kathy to complete final report back to FEMA.
- Selectmen have received a letter from the Louis Berger Group, hired by Kinder Morgan, addressed to the Mason Historical Commission asking for sites affected by the NED project. The Select board has asked town pipeline counsel L'Enfant how best to respond.
- Selectmen had a letter from Police Chief Maxwell asking for a separate credit card to be used by his assistant, as his name on the card limits her use of the card. Pat Letourneau was called in to consult – she said the card is a debit card, easy and no fee to ask for another card with her name. Credit limits were discussed and the combined limit of the cards was set at \$1000. Pat will set that up this week.
- Exemption Request for disabled individual to use and ATV on the rail trail to be continued.
- Selectman Moser stated the Board will look into a block grant request to include with next year's budget

- Selectmen said that representatives from KinderMorgan have requested to meet with the Conservation Committee – this request was also referred to Atty L’Enfant for consideration, no reply from her yet.
- Conservation Committee and George Schwenk advised the Board that the Schwenks would like to donate part of their property from parcel E-75 to the Town, to become part of parcel E-67, also known as Nose Meadow. This piece would link parcels E-67 and E-76, both wetland parcels donated to the town by Bronson Potter. See attached map of proposed lot line adjustments. Liz Fletcher from the Conservation Committee reported that there had recently been a botanical study of these wetlands, headwaters of Mason Brook, and it was reported to be a botanically unique location. After discussion, Board member Moser moved to conditionally accept the proposal to donate the parcel and adjust the lot lines as indicated, pending approval by the planning board (survey of parcels involved, check for conditions which may exist on other parcels, etc). Motion seconded by Chair O’Grady, voted 2-0 in affirmative. Board thanked the Schwenks for their gift, and there was a round of applause for them.
- At 8:04 Charles Moser moved to go into non-public session with Gary Lizotte Road Agent pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II b. Seconded by Chair O’Grady, both voted in the affirmative. Returned to public session at 8:24.
- Chairman O’Grady reported that Rymes had offered the town a contract on supplying heating fuel for the upcoming year, at \$1.449/gallon for propane and \$1.98/gallon for heating oil. Selectman Moser moved to authorize the Chair to sign the contract, seconded by Bernie O’Grady voted 2-0 to authorize, contract was signed and will be sent back to Rymes.
- There was a letter to the Trustees of the Trust Funds to transfer \$35,000.00 from the police cruiser capitol reserve fund to the town for payment on the new cruiser; signed by both selectmen present and previously by Kevin Maxwell, Police Chief, and will be delivered to George Schwenk.
- David Baker said that as Fire Chief it was his responsibility to be the contact for the state for the E911 system, to enter new addresses/update their database. In the past, Barbara Milkovits had also been a contact, and he requested the Kathy Wile, new Administrative assistant, be added as the second point of contact, selectmen agreed, and David will contact Kathy with the link, password and background information.
- David Baker also said that currently oil burner permits were also on his plate since Ken Wilson’s retirement, and asked that the new building inspector, Paul Laroche, take on the responsibility. Bernie reported he had had a conversation with Paul about doing this, and Paul said he felt willing and able to take that on. Chief Baker is to speak with Paul and make a decision

- Chief Baker also asked about the possibility of getting a vacant property list? Reason for this would be that, in case of a fire in a structure known to be vacant, he would not go to extreme measures to save structure if it involved safety concerns. After a short discussion, the selectmen disagreed with such a list being established, saying there was no reliable way to keep the information current and there could be unknown/unauthorized persons inside at any time..
- Chair O’Grady moved, Selectman Moser seconded to move to non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A3, IIa to discuss a personnel issue with Chief Baker. Each member voted yes – moved into non-public session at 8:41, back to Public session at 9:05.

Old Business:

- MacDonald Vs Town of Mason – decision still pending

Public Forum:

- Bob Bergeron requested he be added to the list of people to help with the “fill” project. He also noted the surveyers have been busy and should be ready for the end of November with the Hwy Dept/Fire Dept survey and plot plan, a first step in exploring replacing one of the HWY Dept buildings
- Wolfgang Millbrandt said he had received a bid of \$30/linear foot to repair his stone wall which was damaged by snowplows, and would the town cover that. He did not have a total number of linear feet involved, but the area involved was on the house side of Pratt Pond Rd. Both Selectmen present agreed they would drive by over the next few days and look at it/speak with him, as Mr Millbrandt said there was an additional area to be repaired, which he would show them. Charlie reminded him that there is a three year statute of limitations on making a claim
- Barbara Devore inquired about spreading word about the internet service survey reported in the Ledger? In current/temporary absence of the town website the information should be passed along to Steve Hoffman.
- Garth Fletcher reported that at the most recent Pipeline Committee meeting, there seemed to be a concern/misunderstanding about Atty L’Enfant’s role as counsel for the town, and if that might put her in position to move pipeline from town lands onto private lands. Charlie replied any concerned residents should consider hiring their own counsel, but that was not their agenda for her – she represents the town as a whole. Garth stated he was concerned that fear and uncertainty among affected landowners, who have unanimously refused to allow property access, would set off a “divide and conquer” scenario which would serve KM’s best interests. In closing of that conversation

it was also mentioned that Charlie would get an updated accounting of where we are at with the attorney fund to bring to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned:

Bernie O'Grady moved to adjourn, Charlie Moser seconded, both voted in the affirmative, and the meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm