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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
08/15/2011

Selectmen present: Cheryl Lewis, Janice Mulherin, Mark Andrew
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

The meeting was opened at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of 08/08/2011 were accepted as amended.

APPOINTMENTS

7:30 Sonny Ouellette, Transfer Station Superintendent, met with the Board to go over the evaluation form, process and job description. The job description was reviewed, discussed and changes were made. Anne will forward a final copy of the amended job description to Sonny and the Board. The Board will complete their evaluation forms and meet with Sonny in the near future to go over the final version.

Reminder – **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** will be on Saturday, September 24th at the PLYMOUTH RECYCLING CENTER from 9:00 am to Noon, see Sonny for details.

The Board voted at 8:00 to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3(c). The Board voted to leave non-public session at 8:05; no decisions were made.

8:10 Bill Taffe – Emergency Management Director, met with the Board to discuss three issues:

1. Shelter –After exploring options for an emergency shelter, with Chief Main, Fire Commissioner Dave Coursey, and Principal Peter Helgerson, the decision has been made to work towards providing a “warming shelter” as opposed to a full-service shelter. Lack of a facility with the necessary amenities and adequate staffing were factors in their decision. The Selectmen agreed with the decision.
2. The State’s Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) will be implementing a **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)**. The purpose is to provide towns with funding to implement cost-effective measures that will reduce or eliminate damage and risk from the effects of natural disasters. Letters of intent are due by September 2, 2011. After a review of the town’s Mitigation Action Plan a few options were discussed, upgrading road signage to meet state/federal requirements and possible culvert/road improvements. It was agreed that a Letter of Intent should be submitted. Anne will talk with Frank about the options and put together a plan for the letter. These federal funds are available due to the Disaster Declaration the State received because of flooding in Coos and Grafton counties in May.
3. Emergency Management budgeted for a new radio this year. Bill looked into his options and got three quotes for the radio. (Lily Pond, G & E and ..?) He recommended going with G & E with a bid of \$1,167. The Board agreed with his recommendation.

Anne raised an issue about the EMS and confidentiality; someone had expressed their concern over the lack of confidentiality with a recent EMS call. The Board will discuss this at the next quarterly meeting with the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service.

House Numbers – Bill reminded the Board how important it is for all houses to have their street/road number visible on the house or mailbox using reflective numbers.

SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Groton Hollow Road Committee - The Board signed a letter addressed to all Groton Hollow Road residents inviting them to attend the August 29, 2011 meeting at the town office at 7:00 pm. Members from the emergency services, fire department, police department and highway department will also be invited. The purpose of the meeting is to gather input regarding the notification/emergency plan, choose five members from Groton Hollow Road to represent them on the committee and discuss the scope of the plan. Additional members on the committee will be a representative from the Selectboard, Fire, Police and EMS departments, Groton Wind, the Road Agent and the general/civil contractor and/or transport contractors.

Groton Wind/Army Corps of Engineers/Section 106 of National Historic Preservation Act – Janice received a phone call from Richard Roach of the Army Corps of Engineers. He explained that the Corp will be looking into potential effects of the Groton Wind project on eligible historic resources in town which might be affected by the development of the project. They discussed a variety of issues related to the project but Janice was unclear on exactly what he needed from the Board. Anne will contact him and request written clarification on what is needed from the Selectmen for this part of the process.

Old Home Day – Janice commented on the nice fireworks display; she sent a note to Tim Taylor thanking him for the great work the CADY volunteers did; the Fun Run had 69 entries and netted a profit of \$1,200 which will be turned over to the Haven Little Scholarship Fund; there was discussion about looking into event insurance and an updated waiver form for participants next year.

Anne will update the Board next meeting on the status of the USFS driveway permit and the noise ordinance.

Septic Approval – The Board reviewed and approved a septic plan for tax map #01-01-04.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None

ADMINISTRATIVE

Fire Department Extrication Equipment Grant – The Board received official notice from the State that the grant was approved for \$4,500.

Correspondence

1. Request from M. Barron to waive inventory penalty stating she did not receive the form – board agreed the penalty would not be waived.
2. Letter from Deb Reynolds regarding Bureau of Securities Report/LGC – Janice will review
3. Copy of a letter from Chief Main to Chief Ward regarding a prospective fire fighter.

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Signed: Checks; Letter to Groton Hollow Road residents; Septic Approval 01-01-04; Junkyard Renewal for Pat Coursey;

Upcoming 8/18 Facilities' Committee/Highway Shed @ 6:00
8/22 No Selectmen's Meeting
8/23 Planning Board Meeting/Work Session – Master Plan
8/29 Selectmen's Meeting beginning @ 6:30; meeting with GH Road residents at 7:00

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant