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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
05/0712

Selectmen: Mark Andrew, Cheryl Lewis, Ed Haskell
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.

Residents' Forum

Present: Jerry Thibodeau, Tom Ambrose, Brad Eaton, Paul Turley, John Bagley, Tom Wallace, Mike Lonigro

Tom Ambrose expressed his concern over an incident on May 6th involving a vehicle that appeared to be responding to an emergency. He felt the vehicle was using excessive speed. Tom Wallace said he, too, had witnessed the same, or similar, vehicle responding in the same manner on a different occasion. Mr. Andrew said they would look into this with the necessary department(s).

Paul Turley inquired about the fence at the Sand Hill Cemetery being taken down. Anne reported that it was in disrepair and will be replaced with some type of fencing.

APPOINTMENTS

7:30 Groton Wind met with the Board to discuss several issues. Cheryl Lewis recused herself from the discussion as a board member and sat with the public.

Follow-up on two more weeks of night shifts – There have been no negative comments received about the night shift. The Board gave permission to continue with the shifts.

Truck Incident – Susan Barickman described an incident she had with a truck on the evening of May 1st; Groton Wind will look into it.

Signage – Signs have been put up; Susan suggested a few more Children at Play signs be put up with summer coming. She thanked Groton Wind for putting them up.

Blasting – Jerry Thibodeau asked if the blasts have to be so strong; discussion followed. The blasting should be completed at the end of June or beginning of July.

Watering the Road – Florence Sevigny asked if they could water the road a little closer to her house; they said they would do so. Mrs. Sevigny said at times after reporting the need for water on the road there is a long wait before a truck actually gets there. Kelly said there are three water trucks on site, but sometimes they are quite a distance away from the main entrance so it takes a little while for them to get down to Groton Hollow Road. To report the need for water on the road, the Selectmen's office should be called, Anne will contact Kelly and he will notify the contractor that a water truck is needed.

Cheryl Lewis rejoined the Board at 7:45.

Tom Ambrose asked why Cheryl recuses herself during the discussions about Groton Wind. The Board explained that the Groton Wind's attorney requested that she recuse herself from discussions relating to Groton Wind because she had been an intervener throughout the SEC proceedings and they perceived her participation as a conflict of interest (the Town's attorney concurred).

8:00 – Members of the Advisory, Facilities and Road Committee met with the Board at their request. Mark made a motion to go into non-public session at 8:02 pm under RSA –A:3 II (d). The Board voted to leave non-public session at 8:40 p.m.

8:45 Frank Simpson was present for the opening of the truck bids. Three bids were submitted – Grappone, Auto Serv of Tilton and Meredith Ford. Auto Serv of Tilton had the successful bid of \$29,859.

Frank asked the Board's permission to purchase a few items over \$500:

- 2 tires for the International truck – quote of \$916 from Pete's Tires (State bid), unanticipated expense-the board would like to see a couple more quotes before purchasing;
- Preparing for paving – need to break up a couple of rocks on Buffalo Road – Board would like quotes from both White and Latulippe;
- Need a radio for the International – Frank will look into purchasing a second-hand radio

Health Insurance – The Board voted to go with a Matthew Thornton plan. The Board will notify the employees of the change.

Police Issues – Several police issues were discussed. The Board will ask Chief Main to meet with them on May 21st.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Personnel Policies – The Board continued with the review of the policies.

Signed: Checks; Abatement – Hulbert;

Upcoming: 05/09 & 10 Interviews for Library Feasibility Study with Library Trustees and Selectman
05/14 Selectmen's Meeting – Cemetery Trustees
05/28 Memorial Day – Office Closed – No meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow
Administrative Assistant