



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2010

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Min Cote, Todd Yando, Bob Beeman, and Dave Yacovone.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent.

Guests: Dan Dougher, Steve Rae, Dot Cook, Eugene Dambach and Bill Fitzgerald.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg, Chair.

I. Agenda Changes, Announcements & Additions

- Addition- Plowing the School Parking Lot
- Remove Downtown Transportation Grant- Lamp posts
- Remove Discussion of school track project committee

II. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss Ambulance Bill for William Fitzgerald-** Bill Fitzgerald call for Morristown Rescue, when he called there was no one on call that day so dispatch had to tone out NEMS. The total bill was for \$846.00, his insurance only paid a portion of the bill which was \$346.00 so there was \$500 difference. Bill was asking for the Town to cover the \$500 difference since he pays taxes and our Ambulance was not available. The Selectboard asked if this happens often where our ambulance is not available and we have to call out NEMS, could we call out Stowe or Hardwick. Joyce said that it does happen when there are not enough volunteers to cover shifts. Even though she is there during the day, there has to be someone else on call as well. Dispatch does try to tone out Stowe and other Towns depending on the location of the call but sometimes they don't have the volunteers to cover their own shifts. NEMS is a private organization with paid employees, we rely mostly on volunteers.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, Bob Beeman to pay the NEMS on behalf William Fitzgerald in the amount of \$500. Motion approved. (5/0)

The Selectboard discussed some options when building the budget for next year to help offset some of these types of incidents. Dave suggested building in \$500 per incident and Bob suggested using our mutual aid as a backup rather than NEMS.

- 2. Discussed Proposed Survey/RFP for the BED Sewer Extension-** Ruggiano Engineering recommended doing an over flight to determine the contours of the land, this will allow them to get a better feel of where the best location might be for the sewer extension to go. The best time to do the over flight is in the fall when the leaves are gone, and before snow flies. We will be using Mapmaker out of St. Albans for the over flight. The cost for Ruggiano to do the survey and for Mapmakers services the cost will be \$11,950. We have funds in our Infrastructure Reserve Fund.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve \$11950 from the reserve fund for the purpose of mapping the sewer extension in the reserve fund. Motion Approved (5/0)

- 3. Conservation Commission Resignation-** Kevin Lane and Gert Lepine have decided to resign from the Conservation Commission. Steve Rae said the commission will be entertaining any offers of volunteers that would like to serve on the committee. The Selectboard would like to extend their sincere gratitude for serving on the committee for such a long time.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, Seconded by Bob Beeman to approve resignations from Gert Lepine and Kevin Lane with a letter thanking them for their service. Motion approved (5/0)

- 4. Cartographic Contract-** this is a yearly renewal maintenance contract. The 2011 contract is in the amount of \$2500.00.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone to approve the 2011 maintenance contract with Cartographic in the amount of \$2500. Motion approved. (5/0)

Discuss Part-time Position for Rescue- since Kurt Poulin resigned there has been a part time position vacant. The Rescue Board would like to see the position become a full-time position. They feel that we could better serve the community with two full-time people on duty. They would like this person to have management and leadership skills to organize the department and bring it to the next level. They have anywhere from 400-600 billable calls in a year and feel that the department could support another fulltime person. The Department would be able to respond to more calls and hopefully wouldn't need to call on NEMS as much therefore saving money. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator felt that we could use one fulltime person to serve two departments. The Fire Department also has a shortage of volunteers and would benefit from having someone that could answer Alarm calls and respond to auto accidents and from there determine if the fire department needed to be called out. Dan will work with rescue and fire to develop a job description

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve changing the part-time Rescue Position to a Fulltime Rescue/Fire position. Motion approved (5/0)

III. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Waste Water Ordinance-** The Village Trustees have developed an Ordinance for hooking residents on to the new Sewer Extension. The Trustees have developed a \$\$ incentive for hooking onto the sewer within the first year. The Trustees plan to send a letter to residents whose property falls within the 500ft. extension line.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve the Wastewater Ordinance as presented by the Village Trustees. Motion approved. (5/0)

- 2. School Parking Lot Plowing-** The Selectboard questioned last year whether or not we wanted to continue to plow the school or ask them to go out to bid. We do get paid for plowing the school, but it did not seem to be enough to cover the cost of the man hours and equipment used. Min asked Bob if he had an exact breakdown for man hours spent plowing at the school and equipment hours. Would there be a savings in man hours if we did not plow the school. Bob Melfy did not think that there would be a big savings, but he can look into it and see if he can get a more realistic number. Dave Yacovone was concerned that if we did not plow the school and ask them to go out to bid, then the taxpayers could be paying for it both in highway man hours if they are not reduced and more in school tax if the contract is much higher than

what we contract with them for. General consensus of the Board was to continue plowing the school, and for Bob to keep track of man hours and equipment hours spent solely on the school so we can track the actual expense.

IV. TA REPORT

- Will be reviewing Community Coordinator Position wednesday with Heidi, Todd and Heather Sargent.
- Melbans Restaurant has a corrective plan of action in place and they are working on the building. The Corrective Plan from the environmental commission is available if anyone wishes to review it.
- We have the Tegu Building appraisal- would like to discuss under Real Estate in Executive Session
- Dan will be taking a few days off for vacation over the next few weeks.
- Evaluations will be starting up soon, if the Selectboard would like to see these let Dan know.

V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Dan Dougher wanted to know when the marker would be put back, Bob Melfy said they were getting prices and would be getting it done. Dan was also concerned that he did not get proper notice from the Town when they were going to be cutting trees. He thought the law stated that a Tree Warden needs to be notified before cutting trees, but in fact they do not if the tree is in the Town Right of Way. The Town has a responsibility to keep the ROW clear and free from hazards. The Selectboard expressed as they did at the last meeting that from now on they will send out a notice to area residents to let them know when the Highway Crew will be in the area doing road maintenance and tree cutting.

VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Brian Kellogg-Mud City resident came to see him to tell him what a good job the highway crew has done with the maintenance.

Bob Beeman- feels we should have a place on the Agenda for community concerns with a time limit.

Todd Yando- None

Dave Yacovone- He has had some resident's question their appraisals. They feel they should be lower due to the fact that they don't have high speed internet.

Dan did some research for Dave and learned that Fairpoint is supposed to have high speed throughout the area within five years. Fiber Optic lines are being placed through Northern NY and New England. Vermont Tel has received a grant and is working on getting high speed in rural areas.

Min Cote-There is a house over the railroad tracks has a junkyard appearance. Dan said that Todd is working on this and has served them a violation notice. The other house up the road has been cleaned up some and looks much better.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of 08-9-10
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion approved. (5/0)

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Todd Yando to enter Executives Session at 8:00PM for Real Estate to include Dan Lindley. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Min Cote to Exit Executive Session and enter Regular Session at 8:30PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

IX. ADJOURN

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Min Cote to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM Motion approved (5/0).

Respectfully submitted and filed this 25th day of August, 2010.
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated and are approved at the next meeting.