

SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 7, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Jack Johnson	Art Goodrich	Weston Green
Carol Olsen	Cindy Masterman	Mike Button
Erik Anderson	Rick Ackerman	Howard Garrow
Jane Cushman	Marty Bascom	Marty Gratz
	Heidi Connor	Peter Nowlan

1. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. Chelsea Animal Hospital water/sewer connection – Water Department
2. Approve Minutes to the July 18, 2012 meeting - Jack moved and Carol seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. So moved.
3. Public Concerns
 - a. A complaint of excessive speed and noise was received. The Board suggested a call to Orange County Sheriff's Dept.
 - b. Carol received a complaint that the Selectboard handled the waste contract poorly.
 - c. Carol received a complaint about a piece of art work by Mascoma Bank
 - d. The Board was asked to consider a "shredder day" at the transfer station
 - e. Art questioned free dumping of tires. Erik advised that a dump site that was not created by the landowner was offered waived costs per tire in return for cleaning up the site. This is an individual case not free dumping for all.
 - f. Basketball Court – Marty Gratz expressed concern about the split rail fence that was taken down to facilitate mowing. It is still there and has nails in it. She is concerned for the safety of those using the court and would like them removed. Marty has also cut limbs and cleaned up the area on the north side of the property. She would like to see the stumps removed. Rick will be asked to try to pull them up. Art Goodrich is willing to try to pull them with his equipment.
4. Water Department
 - a. Rate Structure – By the end of August the Selectboard should have a report following a search for leaks. Old and outdated remotes were mentioned as a possible cause for the discrepancy in water pumped vs. water through the meters. To replace all remote meters would be a large expense. The Board may need to search for a more equitable rate structure for commercial customers.
 - b. Chelsea Animal Hospital Connection – Pending Nolan's approval, Jack moved and Carol seconded the motion to approve Chelsea Animal Hospital applications to connect to the water and sewer systems.
 - c. Other
5. Roads
 - a. Right of Way – Tabled
 - b. The Selectboard authorized Rick to spend approximately \$2,500 to have the grader serviced as it has over 2,000 hours.
 - c. Since there is no response from the State regarding paving grant applications, Rick asked if he should proceed with paving Highland Ave. Selectboard agreed to pave Highland Ave.
 - d. Rick acknowledged that he has repaired the culvert on Mark Whitney's road.

- e. Rick hauled 4 loads of gravel for the Cemetery. The Selectboard is willing to have the town pay for the hauling but the Cemetery Comm. needs to pay for the material.
- f. Sand – Rick inquired if he could start hauling sand. The Board will discuss this later with a lawyer.
- g. Selectboard granted Rick permission to sandblast the body on the 2005 International for \$1,500.
- h. Other – Carol asked Rick to check the culverts at the Transfer Station as the engineer report noted the need to clean and repair the culverts. Rick noted that the problem comes from within the transfer station as the water that is washing and plugging the culverts comes from the driveway not the ditches.

6. Town Clerk

7. Old Business

- a. Appointment of Officers
 - i. Constable - Tabled
- b. Town Plan – Interim Amendment - For the Selectboard to approve the interim amendment, they need to determine an emergency need for the changes. Since the Board is not comfortable treating the changes as an emergency Jack moved and Carol seconded the motion that they not approve the interim amendment.
- c. Generator - Tabled
- d. NIMS - Tabled
- e. Animal Control - Tabled
- f. Land Acquisition – Jack moved and Carol seconded the motion to enter executive session at 7:15 p.m. to deliberate the land acquisition. So moved. Exited at 7:25 p.m. No action taken. Carol moved and Jack seconded the motion to enter executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss land acquisition with the landowner. So moved. Exited at 7:45 p.m. An offer was made to the landowner which was rejected. The Selectboard will continue search for another site.
- g. Sidewalk Repair – Erik discussed this issue with the landowner who said he is unaware of any problem but will check the site.
- h. Old Home Day Committee – Heidi updated the Board on the festivities as planned. She was authorized to use the podium from the Town Hall for the parade. She also asked permission to block the north side of the South Common to park old cars. The Board authorized this request so long as she alerts landowners along the road. So long as it is ok with Rick, the people doing the fireworks on Saturday evening are given permission to park a camper at the sand pile on Friday night. Much concern was expressed about The Pines advertising to hold a “smoke show”. The Old Home Day Committee has raised more money than is needed for this year’s event. The Selectboard authorized the committee to leave the money in the account until the next event is held.
- i. Law Enforcement – Carol discussed the Whitney complaint re: atvs traveling at excessive speeds with the Sheriff. He presented the call log to Carol which showed no evidence of any call. He also acknowledged that at the time in question there was an officer who would have responded. With regards to the complaint that OCSD was staking the Farmer’s Market, there was an officer there at the request of someone at the market after a pedestrian was nearly struck by a vehicle. There was no radar in use. Sheriff Bohnyak reported that he is adding another full-time officer to handle more complaints.
- j. Heath Field Permit Appeal – Jack moved and Carol seconded the motion to enter executive session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss the appeal. So moved. Exited at 9:15

p.m. Jack moved and Carol seconded the motion to hire Peter Nowlan to represent the Town in this proceeding. So moved.

k. Other

8. New Business

a. North Common – Marty Bascom asked permission for Washington Baptist Church to hold a concert from 11:00 – 1:00 on Friday Aug, 10, 2012. The Selectboard granted permission. Marty also asked permission to place a blow-up obstacle course on the common the evenings of August 12th and 13th in conjunction with Vacation Bible School which will be held at the Grange. The Board asked them to consider either the Heath Field or the basketball court with permission from the Rec. Committee and a certificate of insurance.

b. Use of town hall if bad weather on 8/12 & 13 for filming a movie – The Selectboard has no problem with this if the Town Hall is available.

9. Adjournment – Carol moved and Jack seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. So moved.