

SELECTBOARD MEETING

July 27, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall

Attendance: Erik Anderson
Ruben Hook
Jane Cushman
Karen Lathrop

Mark Youngstrom
Rick Ackerman
Caleb Rick
Robert Brown

Beverly Taplin
Peg Pelckmann
Dick Covey (Pike)

INFO MEETING

This info meeting was called to share information received from the garage feasibility study that was prepared by Otter Creek Engineering (Mark Youngstrom). Mark presented a drawing that used Shrewsbury's new garage as an example of what would fit nicely at the proposed site at the Wastewater Treatment facility. Construction costs for the Shrewsbury garage were just under \$100 per square foot, making construction costs around \$400,000 plus another \$100,000 to extend the town water line to the site. Much concern was expressed about placing the building within the floodplain. The sand pile being placed within the floodplain with no permit was brought up. The Selectboard still feels that this potential site is worth pursuing with the Army Corp of Engineers.

1. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. Parking for Farmer's Market – New Business
 - b. Animal Control – Old Business
2. Approve Minutes to July 6, 2010 Meeting – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. So moved.
3. Public Concerns
 - a. Ruben rec'd a call about Kennedy Drive. Rick is in the process of repairing the road after the 7/21/10 storm. He is going to install a 4' culvert as soon as one is available.
4. Water/Sewer
 - a.
5. Roads
 - a. Garage Feasibility Study – see above
 - b. Paving – Rick presented the following bids: Blaktop - \$167,353.90; Gorman - \$209,023; Pike - \$145,628.70 per mile. Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to award the paving contract to Pike.
 - c. Hiring Employee – Rick will review applications from the last newspaper publication and others that have come in since. If there are no potential applicants, the ad will be published again.
 - d. Other – In preparation for logging the town forest, the Selectboard agree that it would be good to hire Ken DeGrasse to bulldoze the ditches on Jenkins Brook Road to the town forest prior to any resurfacing.
6. Town Clerk
 - a. The Selectboard authorized the removal of old windows in the dressing rooms.

- b. Karen discussed concerns about “The Funnery” and their use of the Town Hall.
 - c. Karen has found a company that can microfilm land records for \$85 per book. She would be able to complete all the books that need to be done this year.
 - d. Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 7:22 p.m. Out at 7:30 p.m. No action taken
 - e. The Selectboard authorized Karen to close the Town Hall bathroom to the public so as to remove the old flooring and let the sub floor dry before installing a new floor. She will post this action a week prior to closing the facility to the public.
7. Old Business
- a. Zoning
 - i. New appointment & Alternate to DRB – no recommendation received
 - ii. Melvin trailer – The Selectboard waived the zoning application fee to place a travel trailer on Deb Melvin’s property for them to live in while their house is repaired following the 7/21/10 storm.
 - b. Emergency Watershed Project – Paper work is completed.
 - c. Highland Ave. Trees – Erik is going to coordinate with the school and Doug Lyford on this project. The Schoolboard mentioned a fundraiser for this work. The Ada Jackson Fund was established for the care, maintenance and replacement of trees leading to Highland Cemetery but with a principal of \$400, there is very little interest available for this work. The Townsend Fund is to use for the improvement and care of Highland Ave. and sidewalks to the cemetery but there isn’t much money available in that fund either.
 - d. Trails - Tabled
 - e. Justin Morgan - Tabled
 - f. Outside Consumption Permit – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to approve the “Outside Consumption Permit” for The Pines. So moved.
 - g. Animal Control – Peg was authorized to create a job description for the Animal Control officer. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.
 - h. Other
8. New Business
- a. Parking for Farmer’s Market – The Board discussed a request to rope off the lower end of the North Common so a fire truck can be parked during the Farmer’s Market for a fire prevention program. This area is within the State Right of Way so the Board has no authority to do this. They will recommend that the west end of Park Street be used instead.
9. Adjournment – Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. So moved. The next meeting will be next week August 3, 2010.