

SELECTBOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 15, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Jack Johnson	Bruce Hook	Cindy Masterman
Carol Olsen	Mike Kuban	Bob Sponable
Erik Anderson (6:50)	John Upham	Brooks Ann Chapin
Jane Cushman	Adrian Lakin	Chris Allen
Heidi Allen Goodrich	Deb Mullen	Dave Button
Rick Ackerman	Danny Roberts	Howard Garrow
Linda Kuban		

1. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. VFW Request to use Town Hall for Memorial Day – New Business
 - b. Animal Control – Old Business
 - c. DuBois & King Contract – New Business

2. Approve Minutes to the May 1 and May 8, 2012 meetings – Carol moved and Jack seconded the motion to accept the May 1st and May 8th minutes as written. So moved.

3. Public Concerns
 - a. Flying flag at Rec Field – Karen received comments that the flag at the Rec Field should be lighted at night now that we have electricity at the field. The Selectboard will notify the Rec Committee of this concern and suggest they look into solar lighting.
 - b. Fire Ants on North Common – Karen had someone reporting fire ants on the North Common. No further information is available. Carol will walk around the North Common to see if she finds any large ant hills.
 - c. Bruce Hook expressed disappointment that the Selectboard appeared to “given in” to a group of citizens, the way that same group of citizens behaved after the DRB meeting and that he was at the meeting tonight to support the Selectboard and encourage them to continue to work toward a garage/sand pile on the Heath Field.

4. Water Department
 - a. Rate Structure – Meter reading cards are coming back in slowly. There is a wide variation in readings.
 - b. Other

5. Roads
 - a. Rick reported that the new york rake won't be in for 2 weeks.
 - b. Rick asked when he can start hauling sand. Erik asked Rick to hold off until the DRB decision is in. McCullough can continue to deliver sand when they come through and if Rick is in Barre with the truck, he can bring sand back. Jack and Carol disagree with Erik's request but are willing to go along with him unless it is going to create a hardship for Rick.

6. Town Clerk
 - a. Amendment to HAVA Grant – Erik signed the amendment that will change the end date for the grant from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012.

7. Old Business
 - a. Heath Field Permits – A group has asked to attend the Selectboard meeting to discuss their list of demands. The Board is not willing to discuss anything with

anyone until after the DRB findings. They wish to put their energy into moving forward to remedy the situation rather than discussing the list of demands.

- b. Appointment of Officers
 - i. Constable - Tabled
- c. Town Plan – Interim Amendment - Tabled
- d. Generator – 7:00 p.m. – Linda expressed her opinion but had to leave for another meeting. Her suggestion was to wire the school for a generator and then call in the National Guard who would supply the generator. She feels the Church worked well but for a larger disaster we would have to look to larger communities. Barre and Randolph both offered space during Irene. John expressed concern with putting money into a building we don't own and should continue to explore the school/gym site. Many scenarios were discussed. The town's next step is to work with a professional generator company to help determine what we need and how much it will cost.
- e. First Branch Ambulance – 6:00 p.m. – FBA Board of Directors attended the meeting to touch base with Chelsea. With Tunbridge not making any decision to go with FBA it leaves Chelsea not knowing what ambulance service will cost. Jack and Carol don't think the towns should be involved with alleged issues, that all problems should have gone to the FBA Board of Directors but, they support the ambulance 100%. Linda left a packet that includes FBA policies and guidelines.
- f. BEOP - Tabled
- g. NIMS – John explained what NIMS is and the necessity for at least the Selectboard , to take the on-line training.
- h. Storage of Junk – Carol visited the 4 sites that they received complaints about as well as checking out business with dumpsters. The landowners of the 3 sites will receive letters advising them of the complaints and ask them to cease dumping and clean up the sites.
- i. Animal Control – Paula has located a large crate for \$49.99 plus shipping and a catch pole for \$75 plus shipping. Jack moved and Carol seconded the motion to authorize Paula to order them. So moved. Paula also visited with Randolph Animal Hospital who is willing to serve as our kennel for \$50 per month via contract or at cost when we have an animal housed there. Paula will be asked to find out what the cost would be for the 7 days required to hold an animal before a decision is made. At this point, she has had no calls.
- j. Other

8. New Business

- a. Land Acquisition – Executive Session – 8:00 p.m. – Erik moved and Jack seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss land acquisition at 8:00 p.m. So moved. Exited at 8:30 p.m. The Selectboard will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the town property on E. Randolph Rd. to walk the potential property. Jack moved and carol seconded the motion to hire an appraiser to determine value of the property. So moved. Although the board is visiting this site, they are keeping other options open.
- b. Town Hall Use – Carol moved and Jack seconded the motion to let the VFW use the Town Hall on Monday, May 28, 2012 for a Memorial Day observance program with no rent charged. So moved.
- c. Dubois & King – Carol moved and Jack seconded the motion to sign Dubois & King's contract for the same amount as last year (\$950) for the annual engineer inspection of the landfill. So moved.

9. Adjournment – Carol moved and Jack seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. So moved.