

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – February 14, 2011

Present: John J. Strasser, Margo Connors, Richard Bielefield
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Road Agent Douglas Glover, Robert Hayward, Jr., Nick DeMayo

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Selectmen will not meet on February 21, 2011 due to the President Day Holiday.

ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER updated the board on equipment issues with the town grader. Currently the grader is not operable and Mr. Glover has brought in a mechanic to see if the machine is repairable. The quote is currently \$17,000 to rebuild & repair and it may be closer to \$20,000 in the end. The current grader is a 1982 and was bought by the town in 1999 for \$20,000. The board agreed that it did not make sense to put additional money into the grader. Mr. Glover has been in contact with State Surplus and area dealers. He will continue to watch for a used product (34,000 – 56,000 range) and unfortunately just missed a grader that was owned by the Town of New Boston. The grader is critical to the department for pushing back the banks during the winter and is used for grading and paving. Mr. Glover will look at renting a machine as well if needed before a used grader is found. The board also discussed the condition of the Gale River and again the need to have the water bars removed. Mr. Glover will contact PSNH in regard to having poles moved that are currently outside the sidewalk area on Sunset Hill Road. They will also be moving a pole on the corner of Carpenter and Lafayette Road. The board will have a meeting with the Sunset Hill Road neighbors prior to any work being done on the sidewalk.

Public Session:

MR. DE MAYO asked if Mr. Glover had checked up in Colebrook for a used machine and Mr. Glover stated that he was not interested in the machines there. Mr. DeMayo asked what the cost of renting a machine would be and Mr. Glover stated that he was not at that point and did not have that information at this time although \$1,500 a month was probably a good figure. Mr. DeMayo inquired if the Town offered a buy back policy for town employees for leave time not taken yearly. He was advised that there is no buy back policy in place for yearly leave. Mr. DeMayo wanted to thank Mr. Keefe for shoveling out the generator at the Crapo Building.

The Selectmen approved the use of the Meetinghouse by:

North Country Home Health & Hospice on April 28, 2011.
Littleton High School Class of 71 on June 25, 2011
Pine Hill Singers on June 5, 2011

The Selectmen approved a Current Use Application for Jerry & Jacquelin Powell for Map 230, Lot 8.

MR. STRASSER will contact LGC Municipal Attorney for an opinion on the driveway question for the Helmsley properties. Map 219, Lot 31.1, 31.2 and 31.3.

The Selectmen briefly reviewed the new assessment card for the Town properties as completed by the LGC Property Liability assessors. Jennifer will contact Stevenson Services for information on value of the Meetinghouse clock.

MS. CONNORS discussed the Planning Board being responsible for the Capital Improvement Plan and if establishing a committee would assist the board. We will see what assistance North Country Council can provide. Ms. Connors will call them.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to move to non-public session at 6:40PM to discuss a personnel question, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of February 7, 2011, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was approved unanimously.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2011 Budget Hearing, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was approved unanimously.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session and return to public session and adjourn the meeting at 6:50PM, seconded by MS. CONNORS. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday, February 28, 2011 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
Administrative Assistant