

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING – December 9, 2013**

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

Guests: Jim Keefe, Dana Blais, Chief David Wentworth, Road Agent Doug Glover

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Select Board office will be closed on December 12, 2013 so that Jennifer can attend training at the Department of Revenue Administration.

JAMES KEEFE met with the board to discuss recent maintenance on the boilers at the Meetinghouse and the Crapo Buildings. The boiler at the Meetinghouse needs a new chamber with an approximate cost of \$350.00. The work has been scheduled. The Crapo boiler needs a chamber kit and additional work. The cost for repairs would be in the 1500 – 2000 range but the boiler itself really needs replacing at a cost of \$9,000 - \$10,000. Changing the hot water tank to electric is a possibility to save on the furnace constantly running as the hot water is rarely used. Mr. Keefe will get an additional opinion and pricing for the board.

The board authorized a welfare payment in the amount of \$600.00 for rent assistance.

The board approved the use of the Crapo Building for rehearsals for the Pine Hill Singers on Wednesday mornings in 2014.

The board discussed a request by the North Country Chamber Players to use the Meetinghouse in January 2014 for a concert.

DANA BLAIS met with the board at their request to discuss working as the Town Forester. Margo will work up an agreement that will spell out what would be expected.

The board signed an Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for William Briggs, Map 227, Lot 2.1.

ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER presented a draft budget to the board for review. Final numbers will be worked on as the month winds down. The board discussed amounts to be put in Capital Reserve Accounts. Also discussed was the status of the Crane Hill Bridge. Jennifer will send a letter to William McCarthy asking about options so that we can continue to move forward on this project. Doug will contact Winterset for additional information as they recently completed a bridge project in Bethlehem. Heating options for the highway garage were discussed as was replacing the overhead doors and insulating the walls. Doug will get estimates on both projects.

CHIEF WENTWORTH presented his draft budget to the board for review. The board discussed Capital Reserve needs for the police department. Chief Wentworth discussed new equipment that will be purchased at year end pending funding.

The board reviewed a septic plan for Ralph Lewis located on Map 212, Lot 4.

The board reviewed an amended septic plan for Melinda McIlwaine on Map 217, Lot 19.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of November 25, 2013, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business and no appointments before the Board, MR. STRASSER made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday December 16, 2013 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette  
Administrative Assistant