

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING – October 24, 2016**

Present: Margo Connors, Richard Bielefield, John Strasser

Guests: Josephine Belville, Vicky Ayer

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board reviewed the tax rate options as prepared by Jennifer. The board agreed to put \$60,000 from surplus toward the 2016 tax rate. The new rate will be \$21.25.

JOJO BELVILLE and VICKY AYER from the Department of Revenue met with the board to discuss the current assessing contract. The 2015 addendum was late being signed and the cyclical pickups in her opinion have not been made in a timely manner. The assessor has explained this to the board and all will be complete by end of 2016. Ms. Belville felt future contracts should have a penalty in them for work not being completed in a timely manner and offered the board a sample contract to review.

MARGO CONNORS shared with the board information on the state wide drought and will have Jennifer put a copy on the website.

The board reviewed an email from Chris Fournier in regard to their bridge inspector visiting Crane Hill Bridge to provide an opinion on the reuse of the existing abutments. He feels that the Streeter Pond Road side abutment cannot be rehabilitated. With that information the company would recommend against replacing one abutment and rehabilitating the other.

The Conservation Commission will be working with ACT and get parking signs and directional signs for the Jericho Cooley Town Forest.

MARGO CONNORS reviewed the new information from HealthTrust and would like a representative to come up and meet with the board.

The board received an update on the Streeter Pond Property that Chief Wentworth discussed with them last week. An owner has been contacted and made aware of the buildings deteriorating condition.

The board reviewed a septic plan for Pamela Yarosh, Map 206, Lot 15.

The board approved the testimony as prepared by MARGO CONNORS to be presented directly to the SEC on the impacts of the project on our town.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2016 meeting, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business and no appointments before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MR. STRASSER the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday October 31, 2016 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30pm. The board will sign checks and handle correspondence but no appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bielefield  
Chair