

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN JULY 19, 2011

Members Present: Selectmen Ramsey, Crichton, Murphy, Chambers & Elton

Others: TM Trefethen, FD Canney, TC Buckman Brian Keezer from MDOT, MRI Representatives Joe Lessard & Scott Marsh and 40 members of the general public.

Public Hearing was opened by Chairman Ramsey @ 6:30PM. The purpose of the hearing was to provide public comment to the Maine Department of Transportation based upon the town's request to review the designated speed on Cemetery Road. Presently it is 45 Miles Per Hour which was established by the MDOT in the year 2000.

-Resident Ken Poirier felt 35 was appropriate.

-Resident Derek Healey explained that the road is used as a drag race area and have had two accidents on the road recently and the road includes four bus stops in the 1.7 mile distance of the road. In addition many grade changes exist and the two connector roads are 35MPH. He felt strong consideration should be given to a speed reduction.

-Resident Jeanette Lemay agreed with Mr. Healy's assessment, and that she has observed many accidents at the stop sign (Cranberry Meadow/Cemetery) because of speed on Cemetery Road.

-Resident Peter Perri felt that let's not forget the importance of enforcement of speed to deter the behavior.

-Resident Rich Tasker felt that child safety is a major component to think about in the reduction of speed.

-Resident Jeanette Lemay mentioned enforcement issues.

- MDOT Representative Brian Keezer outlined the process used by MDOT in determining the appropriate speed for the road.

-Selectmen Eleanor Murphy asked what provisions are available to the town if they disagree with the recommended speed.

-Resident Peg Wheeler felt that public support existed for a 35 MPH speed limit.

-Resident Danielle Healy felt the 35MPH would receive public support as well.

-Resident Lana LaRochelle felt that website information would have been helpful in notification.

-Resident Dave Stolpe felt we should place 35MPH up no even though they may not be enforceable.

-Resident Greg Audet felt that he travels a lot and the town does a poor job in getting information out to the public, and that Facebook should be an alternative.

-Resident Vicki Ware a member of the TV Access Committee mentioned to the audience the status of Public Access Channel.

-Residents Tom Lavigne, Jeanette Lemay, Derek Healey, Lana LaRochelle all felt that the town should search other methods of notification to the public.

Public Hearing ended at 7:30PM.

MOTION Chambers second Elton "Take speaking with the Assessors out of order" Passed 4-0-1 (Crichton)

Board met with their Contract Assessors again to discuss values of properties in town. Most of the discussion had to do with Mobile Homes on their own land as opposed to rented land (Mobile Home Park). Discussion also occurred with overall values in town and what cost is associated with a value update and a full blown revaluation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Chambers second Elton "approve minutes of July 5, 2011" passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Resident Peter Perri wished to understand if the lease with Bateman Partners had been signed.

-Resident Dave Stolpe asked for the Board of Selectmen to place the purchase of the Vacant Prime Parking Lot back on the November Ballot and to vote approval of this request this evening.

-Resident Lana LaRochelle questioned the town commitment to a housing project when she is having a hard time keeping her house.

-Resident Joe French place parking lot back on the ballot.

-Resident Tom Lavigne asked why do we need it.

-Resident Greg Audet assurances by the Board of Selectmen mean nothing to me.

-Resident Larry Buckman feels no confidence in the Board of Selectmen

-Resident Jay Wheeler discusses the Bankruptcy and the large Prime Site.

Straw Poll of placing the vacant lot back on a Warrant was taken the show of hands was that a majority in the audience wanted it back on a warrant.

-Resident George Murphy commended the Board Chairman for allowing the straw poll to be taken.

COMMUNICATIONS

Two issues reviewed by the Town Manager needed action by the Board. *MOTION Murphy second Chambers "sign a quitclaim deed for property located @ U4 Lot 27 back to the original owner" passed 5-0. MOTION Murphy second Chambers "provide the Town Manager the authority to sign the URIP revenue form on behalf of the town" passed 5-0.*

The Board also Okayed the Town manager to fill out the MMA Ballot of officers for the Town.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE WARRANTS

MOTION Chambers second Crichton "approve warrants W1153A, 1153A, 1201, and 1202 as reviewed" passed 5-0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion on Consent Decree's for Non-Action: Board asked the Town Manager to establish a date in the future to meet with the Planning Board and Appeals Board in a workshop to discuss how we should address the Non-Action agreements in the future.

Modification to the Tax Acquired Property Policy: Board members provided thoughts on what they feel should be in the policy document for changes. They asked the Manager to prepare a draft policy document for their review and comment at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Resident Dave Stole asked the Board again to vote on Placing the Prime Parking Lot purchase back on a Warrant.

-Resident George Murphy and Joe French echoed the same sentiments on the Parking Lot.

-Tammy Cole encouraged the Board to find other ways to get the word out about upcoming meetings.

-Resident Colleen Vinette discussed Ridlon Road.

-Resident Peg Wheeler asked about a Performance Bond for Road Projects and why one action by the Board gets a resounding reconsideration process while another does not.

-Resident Jeannette Lemay asked the Board to search laws beyond State Law but to also review Federal Laws as well.

-Resident Dana Hall expressed his displeasure with the board but was not specific of his displeasure.

-Resident George Murphy commented upon a variety of matters.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Chambers second Elton "to adjourn" passed 4-1.

Respectfully Submitted

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Town Manager