

Board of Selectmen Minutes July 5, 2011

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

Others: TM Trefethen, FD Canney, TC Buckman and 30 members of the general public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Murphy second Elton "approve minutes of June 21, 2011" passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Peg Wheeler suggested the movement of the meeting.

Resident Peter Perri wished to understand the status of the engineer package for the Fire Station repairs.

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager review information, no formal votes were taken.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE WARRANTS

MOTION Elton second Chambers "approve warrants #1152 #1153 and #W1153 as presented" passed 5-0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Paving Work Old Sanford Road: Two proposals were forthcoming and opened by staff. Libby Scott Paving for \$236,806.55 and Boulanger paving \$229,745.50 *"approve the proposal of Boulanger Paving of \$229,745.50 for the paving of Sanford Road" passed 5-0*

Consent Decree for Non-Action: Request for a 5 foot garage rear side set back encroachment was sought by the property owner as he is attempting to sell the property. Garage was in placed when present owner purchased property. *MOTION Chambers second Elton "approve consent decree for non-action for property located at 179 School Street Map R44 Lot 37" passed 4-1.*

Speed Limit Cemetery Road: *MOTION Chambers second Elton "establish the date of July 19, 2011 @ 6:30PM to hold a Public Hearing to hear from the residents with regard to a posted speed limit on Cemetery Road" passed 5-0.*

Modification consideration for Tax Acquired Property Policy: Selectmen Crichton made six suggestions to further detail the process and acceptance of bids for the sale of Tax Acquired Property. Board reviewed his six and tabled any further discussion until other board members create their own. Board has agreed to place this subject on the agenda of July 19, 2011 for further discussion.

Public Hearing to review Community Relations Plan/Sullivan School: Credere associates will be holding an informational meeting on Monday July 18, 2011, 7PM to discuss the Brownfields Redevelopment Project for the Sullivan School. They will share with the public Brownfield Clean up Alternatives and Remedial Action Plan. All documents are available for review prior to the hearing.

ABATMENTS/SUPPLEMENTALS

Memo of June 24, 2011 outlined what the Assessors Agents had accomplished with regard to what was discussed to deal with values of properties in the Fox Ridge Neighborhood and Mobile Homes without land. The assessor's agents were looking for permission to mail the new values to the property owners. *MOTION Elton second Chambers accept the work done and mail values to property owners" passed 4-1.* It was also asked of the Town Manager to contact the Assessors Agent to meet with the Board on the Towns overall values.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Ken Pourier requested that the Town not pave Old Sanford Road and what the town did with the Tax Acquired property was shameful.

Resident Tom Lavigne focused on the wrong date in place on the Quit Claim Deed and questioned that his feeling the date was accurate and all other acts by the town were inaccurate.

Resident Lana LaRochelle felt that the Town Manager has erred on many occasions on documents and document submittals.

Resident Steve Twombly questioned the sequence of document signing.

Resident George Murphy indicated that he resigned his position with the Berwick Police Department because he could not work with a bunch of folks who did not follow their own rules as he is sworn to uphold the laws and ordinance of the state and town.

Resident Peg Wheeler: Felt that the town in the past had made exceptions in the sale of Tax Acquired properties and should have in this case.

Resident Peter Perri asked about assessing of properties and what the cost is for a total reassessment of properties.

Resident Bruce Plante asked about the vacant Prime Parking Lot the Town is attempting to purchase.

Resident Priscilla Dube question the sale of the tax acquired property and how it affects her taxes.

Resident Oscar Stone questioned the value of properties in town and that the town is not quick enough in modifying values to properties.

Resident Joe French questioned the outstanding taxes owned on the Prime Properties and that they must be ready to go to tax deed.

Resident Ron Long questions the signatures on the Quit Claim Deed and when they were placed on the document.

Resident Dave Stolpe mentioned the statutes identified on the ethics policy and attempted to question the Board members on these statutes. He also asked the Board of Selectmen to establish an Ethics Panel to oversee ethically behavior of Town Boards, Committees and employees.

Resident Lana LaRochelle believes that the Town Manager sets up the Town for a fall.

Resident Dana Hall felt taking one bid to sell property is just wrong and that the all of you should be ashamed of your action and resign.

Resident Peg Wheeler questioned keeping the meeting in the new meeting room.

Resident Vicki Ware felt the issuance of Consent Decrees for non-action is the wrong sequence of events this issue should be given to the Appeals Board.

Resident Dave Stolpe felt that the Board should not purchase the vacant Prime Parking Lot.

Resident Jeannette Lemay questioned if the statutes of limitations apply in the purchase of the Prime Parking Lot.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Elton second Chambers "to adjourn" passed 5-0 @ 8:21PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Keith M. Trefethen

Town Manager