

**Minutes
Selectmen's Meeting
September 17, 2012**

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. Clem, Chris and Ron were present at the meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Account balances were reviewed.

Selectmen agreed to attend the General Assistance training being held in Thorndike on October 1st. All 3 Selectmen will plan to attend.

Public Feedback:

None

Town Office Committee Update:

Jean Bourg updated the Selectmen on the Town Office Committee's progress. The committee feels that they need to proceed carefully with the school board so that there are no glitches. The last price from McGee Construction for demolition of the old high school was considerably lower than the previous estimate. Since the price of demolition is much lower than expected, possibly the town could accept the land and buildings from the district as a "donation" and not share the cost of demolition. Chris will arrange a meeting with Heather Perry as soon as more information is available.

Road Work Update:

Chris reported that he is still waiting for CMP to move a pole on Stagecoach Road before any more work can be done.

Scott Braley has completed his site evaluation at the Farwell Corner area. The visibility is not as bad as originally thought, although some trimming and removal of shrubs will likely take place. The drainage problem still needs to be addressed. More prep work for next year's paving project will be done this fall as weather permits.

The Town received a complaint about the condition of the Crosby Brook Road. The Selectmen agreed that it is in poor condition, but nothing is planned for this year except for patching, ditching, etc. It was agreed that the town roads are in deplorable condition and need serious work, but only so much can be done with the limited funds available.

Next year, the Selectmen are going to budget for the grader to come 3 times a year, not 2. The dirt roads are extremely bad by the time the fall grading is scheduled.

Plymouth Engineering sent a letter to the Selectmen stating that all items of concern on the Farwell Bridge have been addressed so that the posted weight can be increased to 3 ton. They did have a concern on the guardrails on the bridge not being strong enough for a vehicle barrier. The guardrails were not addressed in the original letter from the State, but should be fixed in the future. Plymouth Engineering feels that the bridge can now be rated for 3 ton.

New Business:

Selectmen reviewed and signed the Municipal Valuation Return prepared by Ellery Bane, Assessor's Agent.

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Selectmen signed the Off Premises Catering Permits for Rita's Catering for a function to be held at the Unity Foundation building on 9/25/12.

Selectmen reviewed and signed the Tax Abatement for \$465.30 as recommended by the Assessor's Agent.

Selectmen signed the final paperwork for the new fire truck loan. The amount to finance is \$31,341.19, considerably less than the \$50,000 originally approved at Town Meeting.

Selectmen gave Dennis Turner authority to sell 3 old, out of commission, uninsured fire trucks currently parked behind the fire house.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Selectmen moved to Executive Session for a septic matter.

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