

Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting

September 15, 2015

Opening:

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. people present were:

Selectmen: Emily and Penny were present. Chris was absent.

Residents: Mike Murch, Craig Lowe, Jean Bourg, Tony Avilla, and Cindy Jones

Employees: Sue, Samantha and David Smith

Public Feedback:

Jean mentioned that Gail Chase had sent out flyers for a Local Food Local Places. Emily has been invited. Both of them thought that the invitation should extend to the public.

Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer:

Account balances were reviewed and accepted.

Old Business:

The 2015 road work is progressing well at this point.

Emily has sent an email to Jon Wadick to continue discussing the progress of the town website. She hasn't received a reply as of the time of this meeting.

Penny Sampson and Lucia Picard will be attending the KVCOG 48th Annual Meeting on September 22, 2015.

New Business:

Craig Lowe presented a draft of the proposed sign that is to go up in front of the Town Office. There was a question as to whether or not the slogan of "Come Grow with Us" should be removed from the sign. Penny and Emily had an official vote to not include the slogan on the sign. The vote was unanimous

Craig asked if the logo was copyrighted. Emily stated that she had been in contact with the Artist, Jon Wadick, and that he has said that logo and artwork is his intellectual property and cannot be changed without his consent and payment to him. Craig also wanted to know if there was any room to make adjustments or slight changes to the design. At this point it was decided to have Craig wait and halt any more work on the sign until the issue could be resolved with the artist. Jean B. stated that she understood that Jon was doing the designing of the logo as a volunteer. She also stated that she was going to call him and ask him to meet with the selectmen at their work session on Thursday to discuss the matter.

Fire Chief, David Smith, gave an update regarding the Fire Department to the Selectmen. It had been nearly 2 years since the last update. David stated that the Board of Selectmen should do some long range planning in particular with regards to the Fire Chiefs position. He said that the

amount of work required of the Fire Chief was more than he could accomplish along with his full time job – he just isn't going to be able to sustain the position as it is currently done due to the amount of administrative work that is required. He recommended that the Selectmen either hire someone who can do the job for next to no money, consider making it a regionalized position or increase the budget to better reflect the work the Fire Chief does in order to attract a suitable person to do the job. Penny stated that she has been researching comparative salaries for town employees including the Fire Chief. Emily said that it would be sad to lose David because of his leadership qualities and wondered if hiring an administrative assistant for the Fire department would be helpful, David said that it would. There was additional conversation regarding the need to begin looking at upgrading the existing apparatus and equipment. Penny asked David to write up a complete job description of all of his duties and responsibilities as the Chief.

There was a mowing issue at the corner of Town Farm Road and E. Mussey Rd. Doug Westbrook told Rick to not mow that corner anymore because he was going to mow it himself. Rick would like to direction from the Selectmen on what to do. The Selectmen present unanimously decided to have Rick continuing mowing as he has been doing. Emily will contact Dorothy Westbrook, who is the actual owner of the property and discuss the matter with her.

The General Assistance Ordinance regarding Appendices A-D was discussed and adopted.

Other Business:

Penny stated that the mowing on Quaker Hill Rd revealed a large amount of trash. It appeared as though trash may have fallen off of a truck and not intentionally dumped.

Emily reiterated the problem regarding the artwork for the sign and the need to meet with the artist to get the issue resolved.

Penny stated that the road sign for Loveland Road was missing and the pole was leaning over.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42

Selectmen moved to Executive Session