

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

July 14, 2014

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Robert Meagher, Joanne McDonnell

Guests: Cynthia McPhetres, Terry Severy

Meeting called to order at 6:18pm.

Robert made motion to accept the minutes from the June 23 2014 minutes as revised, seconded by Doon. So voted.

Robert made motion to accept the minutes from the July 2, 2014 special meeting, seconded by Doon. So voted.

Guests: Cynthia McPhetres explained that she has an ongoing water problem at her home on Kirby Drive. Approximately 20 years ago, when the water pipes were replaced, all "tap-ins" were removed and each house had its own meter system. Somehow during this process, her house was overlooked and the tap-in from the Mathers house to hers still exists. It creates very low water pressure and the line between the two homes breaks regularly and is broken once again. She would like the neighbor to get their own line as she would prefer to not have any more rights of way on her property and is wondering what the Town can do to meet them halfway. Can a water line be placed over Kirby Drive?

Terry explained that quite a long time ago the owner of the Mather's house had frozen pipes, and the owner of McPhetres house allowed them to tap into the water line at their house until the pipes could be fixed. Apparently, this was never recorded in town records. Mr. Hill, owner of Mather's house died before the pipes could be replaced, and Mr. Kirby just let things stay as they were. Terry explained that the Mather's have known for a couple years that this has to be dealt with but nothing has happened. Terry was there last week and had everything ready to repair the leak, but Mr. Mathers did not want the Town to dig, he would do it himself. Another cause for low water pressure is that the pipe is only ½ inch... Discussion ensued. Terry has a call into the state to see what the Town's options are. He has looked for old records, but has not found anything. After continuing discussion, it was agreed that the Mathers will be invited to a meeting and Terry will notify board members as soon as he hears more from the state about our options.

Utility: Regarding the Utility reserve accounts, Robert noted that he spoke with Marvin Harvey who told him that the reserve accounts were originally set up with the intent to be able to "borrow" from them to help cover costs for the utility company as long as they are paid back. We have had extra expenses in the water company recently, and the fees are slowly starting to be paid. The town has lost six or more properties that used to generate income as well, and the rates have not been changed in years. We also need to look into changing the meters as quickly as possible too. Again, Terry needs to get more information for the board about sharing equipment. We should also hear soon from the state whether we will be eligible for any funding for meter replacement. Short discussion ensued. Terry will review the most recently paid invoices to see which should be reimbursed from the reserve accounts which should help the cash flow.

New Business: Terry noted that the fire department has people who would like to take a first responder course through Gifford Medical Center. They met with Linda Minsinger who will meet again with fire

department members and any other interested parties for a question and answer session regarding the course. The people that expressed interest to Terry are not able to take the course in the summer, but could in the fall, and Dave and Betty Chase are on board with being a part of the First Responder system. Short discussion ensued. Robert noted that he has been working with Monica Collins and other Hancock representatives. They met with Linda Minsinger as well, and she told them that GMC is willing to help the first responders with jump kits, defibrillators, etc. GMC will pay for the second round of classes. Robert would like the neighboring

The board reviewed the charges for the 2014-15 prepay fuel and decided not to purchase this year.

Robert mentioned that there is concern that the trees on the Park are being damaged due to weed whacking the base of them. This will eventually kill the trees.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell