

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 8, 2019

At the Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. the following people were in attendance: Peter Corey, John Tholl, Stanley Holz.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to enter into non-public session at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(1) consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present. The motion was seconded by Stanley Holz. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed.

The Board adjourned from non-public session at 6:35 p.m.

Chairman Tholl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Santoro attended the meeting to discuss his recent water bill for 14 Myrtle Street. He said the water has been shut off at that address for three years. He said he paid off everything when he purchased the property. He bought the house and it has been vacant since he bought it. He is renovating it. He purchased the house 2/21/2018. The house is currently vacant. He just got the water going on last week. The board is agreeable to abate \$5.44. The Board explained that when we put in the new meters it picked up usage on the old system which was 830 gallons. The old meters only read in 1,000 gallons. The Board explained that the majority of the Bill is for the flat rate which recently increased. He thanked the Board for fixing the sewer cover.

Mr. Santoro said he is having issues with the run-off on Park Street. It has flooded his basement and his neighbor's basement. That has never happened before. Mr. Larson, Public Works Director, said he will take a look at it for him.

Department Head Meeting

Water Department – Fred Ingerson

--On 6/29 we had a lightning storm and during the storm it took out Dodge well pump and the level transmitter. It has been submitted to insurance, and we are getting prices to get it repaired. It is a two to three week time period to get the motor and Dodge well #1 is being permitted so that cannot be used. We are currently running off Cherry Mt. Well to fill the Colby tank.

--Having issues with the Robinson well. Water has not been staying pressurized in the lines. There is something wrong with the level, check valve or piping in the well. We are trying to get scheduled to have the well company come to see what is really wrong with it.

--Last week one of the booster pumps behind the liquor store failed and that started leaking. Damage inside and it does not appear to be repairable. New booster pump on order. They have to order them and build those pumps—two to three weeks. Trying to submit to insurance. Peter Corey asked if the pumps between the booster stations are compatible?

Rob Larson said as part of the asset management program we need to look at the pumps and look at life replacement for the pumps. We should be able to predict how often we need new pumps. Peter said we may want to try to have a pump on hand so we don't have to wait so long for a new pump. Anything over a 15 horse motor needs to be built from the manufacturer upon request.

Josh said the warranty starts once you get the pump. They are over \$9,000 for the pumps. The well itself was hit. They are grounded and have surge protection.

--Working on flushing hydrants.

--Grass is growing good at the new buildings.

--Coleman had a water break today—the main had to be shut down for about an hour.

---Fred notified the Mt. View about the back-flow preventers needing to be checked.

John Ross, Jr. – Fire Chief

-- New truck is here, should be in service this weekend.

-- Selling the tanker was discussed. The Board thought going through a broker might get more proceeds than putting it out to bid. John Ross said he will work on that.

Melissa Farrow – Recreation Department

--Planning on putting a two-bay swing set out here for the after-school program. The cost is a little over \$6,000. We have some money in the after-school account that would pay for it. The Public Works Department will put it up. We will run it by Primex, our insurance carrier as well.

--The vandalism at the park is out of control. They almost got into the building this time. Public Works is going to put up some cameras that just came in. Melissa said the kids are sad about it. They had no running water today. Mark Lufkin said you can buy a set of eight-wired camera units.

--Rob Larson said the Public Works department did a major clean-up down at the ballfield.

Josh Welch – Sewer Treatment Plant

--Josh said lightning hit at the sewer treatment plant, but it was an in-line fuse that blew out. An inexpensive fix.

-- Josh said they were cleaning out the effluent today—got a lot out of that.

--One of the aeration lines is leaking. He got the hose on Friday and he needs to get that pulled out and hooked up.

--Josh would like to order a set of pumps for the Mt. View. It is going to be \$20,000 for the pump station up there. Those pumps are almost 20 years old and don't pump like they should. The casings are worn out and they are not as efficient as they were when they were new. They probably have 15,000 hours on them. Josh said he had included it in the budget this year. That is where we have the most over-flows.

Rob Larson – Public Works

--Would like to move forward with the town library roof. Shane's Roofing out of Littleton bid \$16,791 and he would like to go with them. They have done some bigger jobs, and they can do it in September. The Board said as long as it is comparable warranty as the other bids they are ok with awarding the bid to Shane's Roofing. He would like to award the contract. \$16,791 Shane's Roofing out of Littleton – They have done some big jobs.

--Rob will meet with the Board at their next meeting on July 22nd, to review his recommendation for the Highway Foreman position. He said that he had one application for the job posting, one

outside and two interviews in-house for the position, and he would like to move forward with the outside applicant.

--We ordered the trash barrels for the common and the trees are doing well. We have had a request to add another tree. Scott Burns is the contact person for that.

--Rob would like to arrange for water and sewer put into the ballfield next door here. We had started that project, and he would like to get that finished so they have facilities at the ballfield. He is going to put together a budget for that. John said the Legion discussed it and they voted that we should grant the easement if the pavement is replaced.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to authorize John Tholl, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to sign the Crossing Agreement between the State of New Hampshire and Town of Whitefield for a project that entails the installation of 10" Ductile Iron Class 52 water pipe in a 24" steel sleeve across the rail corridor within Union Street (US Route 3) as indicated on the Plans prepared by Horizons Engineering titled Town of Whitefield, Water System Improvements, Drinking Water & Groundwater Trust Fund Project #DWGT-07, Whitefield, NH, January, 2019 – Revised June 2019 and for a project that entails the installation of a 8" Ductile Iron Class 52 water pipe in a 24" steel sleeve across the rail corridor within Main Street (State Route 116) and within Elm Street (State Route 142) in Whitefield, N.H., as indicated on the plans prepared by Horizons Engineering, titled Town of Whitefield Water System Improvements, Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund Project #DWGT-07, Whitefield, NH January 2019 (Revised June 2019) Stanley Holz seconded the motion. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed.

Peter Corey – Planning Board

--Still several folks developing home sites and Dick Harris was approved to build another set of storage units in front of the units that are there. They will be brown and tan rather than orange.

--The master plan which was supposed to be completed in December is still not complete. June Garneau has had some serious health issues and family challenges. We are expecting to see a completed draft by the end of July.

Stanley Holz – Whitefield Economic Development Corporation

--WEDC met June 19th.

--Have a \$5994 current balance in their account

--Have appealed the IRS fine for the 1983 filing error—still have not heard back on that.

--Still have not heard on the parking lot grant—should hear by August 2nd. Discussed charging stations if the parking lot project goes through.

--Agreed to take an insurance policy to cover WEDC for \$595 a year.

--NCC working on a long-term strategic plan for the north country.

John Tholl - Airport Commission –

--Just had a meeting on the air show which took place two weeks ago. The weather was good. The turn out was very good. The stunt pilots did a great job.

A motion was made by Stanley Holz to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2019. The motion was seconded by Peter Corey. All in favor 3-0. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to enter into non-public session at 7:30 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(l) consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present. The motion was seconded by Stanley Holz. All in favor, 3-0.

The Board adjourned from non-public session at 8:00 p.m.

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