

Selectmen's Minutes

July 14, 2014

Present: Jim Trudell, Bruce Beane, Steve Moscicki, Donna Clark-AA, Celine Presby-Treasurer, Tom Smith-Road Agent

Chairman Trudell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Manifests & Invoices:

The manifests for July 7th and July 14th were authorized and new invoices for future payment were reviewed and initialed.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was read showing a balance of \$23,922.63 in the WGSB checking account, \$15,085.63 in the WGSB Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account, and \$375,000.00 in the tax anticipation note (TAN). Moscicki motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as given, 2nd by Beane, all voted in favor.

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for June 30th were reviewed. Moscicki motioned to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Trudell, all voted in favor.

Committee/Department Reports & Needs:

- Road Agent Tom Smith updated the Board on highway department matters. Several people reported cut tires from ledge pack after traveling Hurd Hill Rd which was recently graded for the first time since the material was put down last year. The grading brought sharp stones back up to the surface and was more difficult to pack down since the road underneath is so hard. Beane spoke to Chief Bogie about the issue and he thinks crushing this year's ledge pack a little smaller may lessen the problem in the future. The road will likely be rolled again, although it is now mostly packed down from travel. The Board approved a purchase order for William Minot for \$4,200 for 60 hours of roadside mowing which will begin soon. They also approved a purchase order for Track-Side Farm & Garden Center for \$1,920 for flake calcium chloride which will be used in some locations instead of the liquid version. A follow up email was sent to Brian Schutt, NH DOT District One Engineer, inquiring if the Town would be responsible for the bridges if portions of the State roads were improved and became Class V Town roads. A long section of guardrail on Pettyboro Rd was damaged in a recent accident. Reimbursement will be sought from the driver for the replacement cost. The NH Department of Environmental Services recently inspected the Town quarry and found no erosion control issues. Trudell will take the highway crew to lunch July 24th in recognition of Public Works week. The highway budget to date was reviewed and found to be on target for this time of year.
- The Selectmen reviewed a revised list of pending tax liens if 2013 taxes are not paid in full by July 16th.

- Selectmen's meetings will be held July 28th, Aug 4th and Aug 18th to accommodate vacation schedules.

Public Matters:

As requested, Andrew Lidestri and David Pratt of Camp Ogontz met with the Board of Selectmen regarding concerns over the timing, duration and noise level of some recent fireworks displays. Mr. Lidestri is the Chief Operating Officer and Mr. Pratt is involved in the actual fireworks displays. Mr. Lidestri acknowledged that the first three fireworks shows of the season were quite late, but that most are held at 9:00 or 9:30 pm. They provided a copy of the 'Ogontz Fire Safety Policy for Outdoor Display of Fireworks' and the Office of the State Fire Marshal's brochure entitled 'Safety Information for the Use of Permissible Fireworks' which are provided to groups wishing to include a fireworks show as part of their stay at Camp Ogontz. They confirmed that only permissible fireworks are used and will try to move away from the louder pyrotechnics to those with more light. The Selectmen asked that Camp Ogontz keep the local residents in mind and arrange their schedules to conclude all fireworks displays by 10:00 pm. Mr. Lidestri also inquired about putting a sign on the triangle of land at the intersection of Ogontz and Tinkerville Roads. The Board will make some inquiries and get back to him.

Correspondence:

The following were received:

- Lyman Community Group's June 17th meeting minutes
- June 2014 newsletter from Executive Councilor Kenny
- Thank you note from the American Red Cross for the 2014 appropriation

Old Business:

- The Board contacted legal counsel regarding the pros and cons of Lyman adopting fireworks and/or noise ordinances and was advised that they would be difficult for the Town to enforce as it has no local police department.
- The highway crew will assist Gil's Construction with upcoming excavation and drainage work for the Town Hall addition foundation. The Board discussed a USDA grant application that may have helped with some costs but the deadlines made it unfeasible. The Selectmen will continue to pursue other sources of funding.
- The Board reviewed and signed the 2013 audit representation letter to Plodzik & Sanderson.
- Information about the 2014 Lyman Summer Social will be posted at the Town Hall and on the Town website. The party will be held on Sat, Aug 23rd from 2:00-6:00 pm. Anyone wanting more details should call the Town Hall at 838-5900.

New Business:

- Property-Liability Trust advised that they will be sending an appraiser to inspect town-owned buildings for insurance purposes.
- The Town's assessing firm, Commerford-Nieder-Perkins, will start sending out letters for interior inspection appointments this week.

- The Board reviewed and signed the 2014-2015 CAI Technologies map maintenance contract for \$1,300.

Trudell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, 2nd by Beane, all voted in favor.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 28th, at 6:00 pm.