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SELECTMEN’S MEETING
MINUTES
04/16/12

Selectmen: Mark Andrew, Cheryl Lewis, Ed Haskell
Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of 04-09-12 were accepted as written.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 LGC Representatives Pattie Beck and Debra Clayton met with the Board to discuss health plan options. They provided the Board with several different plans. The Board will review the information they presented. The deadline for notification to LGC of a change in plans is June 1st. The Board will also be reviewing plans from other companies.

7:45 WWAS – Brian Clark and Steve Albaugh from the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service, along with Bill Taffe and Anthony Reed, met with the Board for the first-quarter review.

- Brian reported there is good open dialogue between both squads. There are some internal issues that they are currently working out.
- Anthony reported they have had approximately 40 calls to date.
- Brian said they plan to keep the annual $25,000 fee for service in place for 2-3 years before any “method” of payment is put into effect.
- WWAS will not be covering the race track in Wentworth this year.
- The Board addressed the Attorney General’s 2012 report and their concerns with it. The Board did state that they did not have concerns regarding the service that the town has received. Brian reported that they have corrected issues and made numerous improvements; their first quarter follow-up report by the AG’s office was commendable.
- Mark suggested requesting a follow-up statement from the AG’s office on the status of WWAS in February 2013, a year after the report was first issued.
- Rumney EMS continues to look for volunteers to serve; presently one member has resigned and there is one new member.

8:00 Groton Wind – Randy Stocks, Pat Holland, Anthony Corson and Miguel Marcos met with the Board to request blasting on Saturdays and follow-up on some of the concerns residents had the week before. Frank Simpson was present; Susan Barickman, Paul Spring, Florence Sevigny and Bradley Shanks were present from Groton Hollow Road. Cheryl Lewis recused herself as a selectman from the discussion and moved to sit with the public. The representatives reported on the following:

- Carpooling – both Cianbro and Coleman have off-site parking and are using vans, etc. to transport the workers up to the site to cut down on the traffic on Groton Hollow Road.
- They have increased the work force to get things done faster.
- The night shift is working 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., remaining on site during the shift.
- Speeding – Mrs. Sevigny brought up speeding pickup trucks; Anthony said speeding is addressed regularly at their meetings; Randy suggested having the police department do more shifts specifically for speeding; he suggested using one of the flashing speed signs; Iberdrola is willing to pay for these shifts.
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- Susan Barickman asked about Iberdrola putting up a “Construction” sign at the beginning of the road; they said they would take care of that.
- Bus routes were addressed; the times are spelled out in the road agreement – 7:30-8:00 a.m. and 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- **Ra** stuff” used on the road earlier in the month to keep the dust down was hydro-mulching. They used that until the water truck arrived on site. He assured the public that it is environmentally safe.
- Blasting – they would like to blast on Saturdays; doing so would speed up the project. They would keep the same hours as construction Monday-Saturday 6:00 – 7:00; discussion followed about the hours for blasting. Susan reported that their sign says 6:00-6:00; Pat said the blasting agreement states 6:00-7:00. Both Pat and Anne will clarify this tomorrow. Mark asked what the State’s requirements were. They will look into that tomorrow as well. Cheryl Lewis stated that Iberdrola has already added on a night shift which was not in the original agreement and now the request to blast on Saturdays is too much to ask of the residents of Groton Hollow Road. She asked if they could refrain from the blasting as a courtesy to the residents. Iberdrola stated the request to blast on Saturdays is to speed up the project. After further discussion, it was agreed to look into the specifics of the blasting agreement, check with the State on any restrictions they may have and discuss it further at next week’s meeting, April 23rd. Mark asked that as a group could Iberdrola and the contractors get together and try to figure out how to make this work. In the meantime, no decision on the blasting will be made until next Monday.
- Drilling – They asked to extend the drilling time – this would involve 4-5 pickups until 8:00 p.m. This will be done on a trial basis for one week.
- Maintenance of the road – Frank will be taking the road ban signs down and asked about Groton Wind continuing with the road maintenance. They were in agreement with doing that. They will get together with Frank to discuss what needs to be done, i.e. putting on additional gravel, etc.
- Frank commented on the good effort that was made to keep the dust down over the past weekend.
- Bradley Shanks continues to have concerns about the impact of the project on his driveway. It was agreed that Randy et al would meet with him Saturday morning at his driveway to try to work out a solution to the problem.
- Susan asked about “Children at Play” signs and speed limit signs. Anne will look into these as they would be “town” signs.

Cheryl Lewis rejoined the Board.

9:00 Bradley Shanks met with the Board to discuss taxes.

9:15 Frank Simpson met with the Board to discuss the truck purchase; after receiving feedback on the gas engine vs. diesel for a new truck it is Frank’s recommendation to go with a diesel engine. There are concerns about the gas engine having enough power and torque to run the wing, etc. Frank will revise the specs to request the diesel engine.

9:30 PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None

SELECTMEN’S ISSUES

Minutes – The minutes of 4-16-12 were accepted as written.
Hazard Grant Mitigation Application – The Board reviewed the grant and agreed to have Bergeron file it with the State by the April 20th deadline.

Police – Cheryl will schedule an appointment with Chief Main to review several items.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Residents’ Forum Follow-up – Anne will send a letter to Mr. Ambrose with follow-up on several of his questions and concerns.

FEMA – The Board received a letter from FEMA regarding the town’s non-participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. The letter provided information about joining the NFIP.

Personnel Policies – The Board will start going through the policies next week.

SIGNED: Checks; Junkyard letters; Intent to Excavate – M. Latulippe; Timber Tax Warrant

UPCOMING:

04/23 Selectmen’s Meeting – Groton Wind night-shift follow-up
04/24 Planning Board
04/30 Selectmen’s Meeting – Mow Bids
05/01 Hearing on Junkyard Bill 340 in Concord @ 10:30 am
05/07 Selectmen’s Meeting - Residents’ Forum 7:00-7:30

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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