

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 17, 2012

Present: Vice-Chairman Darcy; Selectmen Ebbighausen, Rideout, & Schill, and TA Collins. Chairman Smith was excused.

6:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman Darcy called the meeting to order.

The meeting began at the Highway Garage with Supt. Podlenski. Members of the Budget Committee and CIP Committee were present. The group toured the highway department and had a discussion about equipment. Frank is looking to replace the 2004 F450 this coming year with an F550. The 2004 F450 will go down to the transfer station and the 2000 F450 will be used as a trade. The F550 are kept for 12 years and the F35000 are kept for 15 years.

The CAT is currently 17 years and he will push it to 20 years. Most of the maintenance on the vehicles is performed in house.

Cost of Equipment:

F550 - \$\$70,000 with trade
F35000 - \$125,000 with trade
CAT - \$125,000 with trade

Frank is also looking at replacing the garage doors. He did replace one this past year. The cost for replacing was \$2,386.00.

The Selectmen moved on to the Water Department. Discussion took place about equipment. Supt. Nadeau stated the 1997 Backhoe was due to be replaced in 2011 it currently has 4,800 hours and with a trade he can get a new one for approximately \$87,000.

The 1999 F450 Service Truck is on the CIP to be replaced in 2012. It currently has 90,000 miles on it. He would keep utility box and have it painted. The cost of the F450 is approximately \$50,000.

The 2004 F250 is scheduled to be replaced in 2019. The cost of the F250 is approximately \$17,000.

The Selectmen toured the yard. Dennis pointed out his need for storage. He will get a price for a pole barn and a storage trailer.

The Selectmen toured the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Supt. Johnson stated that he will need to rebuild a sewer pump this coming year. The sewer pump was replaced in 1997 and he is currently getting quotes. It was pointed out the fiberglass on the various buildings need to be replaced.

The Selectmen toured the Fire Department. Chief Matuszewski reviewed the CIP with the Selectmen. Items discussed: Replacement of the 68 Brush Truck; Breathing Apparatus; New Fire Station; Personal Protective Equipment; Rescue/Utility Truck.

The Selectmen toured the facility and looked at the equipment.

The Selectmen continued their meeting at the town hall. They reviewed the 2012-2014 Final Legislative Policy Recommendations. No action was taken on existing policy. The following policies were reviewed and the action is listed:

General Government, Revenue, and Intergovernmental Relations:

Item 4. Site Evaluation Committee and Local Input – Discussion the board does not want state override, they want local control. Passes to support.

Item 8. RSA 162-K: Authority to Use TIF District Revenue Beyond District – Passes to support.

Item 9. Petition Signature Requirements – Passed Over.

Item 11. Modifying the Adoption, Revision, and Amendment of Municipal Charters – 2 Selectmen voted to pass over and two voted against.

Item 15. Highway Funding: Increase in Road Toll (Gas Tax) and Registration Fees – Passes to oppose.

Item 27. Contracted Service and Bargaining – Passes to support.

Item 28. Maintenance & Policing of State-owned Property – Passes to support.

Item 29. Negotiated PILOTs for Water System Property – Passed Over.

Item 31. Emergency Generator Exemption – Passes to support if hard mounted, Schill abstained.

Municipal Administration and Finance Management:

Item 3. Revoking Permits and Licenses – Passes to oppose.

Item 4. Signing Manifests – Passed Over.

Item 5. Swearing in Town Officers – Passes to support.

Item 6. Budget Year Conversion – Passes to support.

Item 7. Human Resources Record Retention – Passes to support.

Item 12. Extend Time to Adopt Codes and Ordinances – Passes to support.

Item 13. Default Budget for Enterprise Funds – Abstain.

Item 22. Flood Control Payments – Abstain.

Item 23. Warrant Article Language: Adoption by reference – Abstain.

Item 24. Study the Official Ballot Form of Government – Abstain.

Item 25. Clarify Establishing Highways – Abstain.

Planning and Environmental Quality:

Item 2. Public Notification Responsibility Under RSA 482:13:II (Dam Owners) – Passes to support.

Item 3. Incidental Burning of C&D Debris at Municipal Transfer Stations – Passes to support.

Item 4. Restoration of Full General Revenue Funding for Municipal State Aid Grant (SAG) – Passes to support.

Item 6. Permitting Municipalities to Establish Central Business Utility District to Protect Water Supplies – Abstain.

Item 7. Clairfying Statutory Procedure for Resolving Highway Culvert/Drainage Disputes – Abstain.

Selectmen Items:

Rideout – There is a budget committee meeting on Wednesday and recreation committee meeting on Thursday. Rideout is not in favor of the PD being located on River Road.

Richard – There is confusion regarding the Truant Officer. Collins stated Chief Faulkner will be in next Monday to discuss the issue.

Darcy – Wanted to know the process of employee reviews. Collins explained the process. Darcy asked where we are at with the yard sale ordinance. Collins stated the hearing is scheduled for next Monday.

Ebbighausen – There was a brief discussion regarding the Hinsdale/Brattleboro Bridges and the meeting that took place today. The tour began at the old Wal-Mart and two of our legislatures were present along with representatives from Vermont DOT, Brattleboro, Windham Regional Planning Commission; NH DOT; and SWRPC. Collins will make copies of the handout for next week.

9:35 p.m. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to adjourn, second by Selectman Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins
Town Administrator