

Sutton Selectmen's Meeting  
August 27, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:01PM by Chairman Tim Simpson.

Attending the meeting: Paul Brouha, Deanna Colburn, Celeste Marie Girrell, George Colburn, Bruce Conley, Janice Conley, Larry Seymour, Gerard Gingue, Tim Simpson, Joe Solinsky, Scott Spencer, Michael Fix, Norman Patten, Pat and Dan Jackson, Mary Gray

Additions/Deletions: Bruce Conley; Michael Fix, Sutton School

Scott made a motion to accept the July minutes as printed. Joe seconded motion. No additions or corrections. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative.

Treasurer's report balance as of 8-27-15 is \$305,101.98 after all tonight's invoices are paid. Scott made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Joe seconded motion. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative.

Delinquent taxes were handed out to the selectmen. No Action required

Pike Industries would like some money. They need to present a bill and the town submits to Shauna and then the state will reimburse the town. As of today, no invoices have been received, but Pike Industries have not arrived yet to the meeting.

Gingue Construction, proposal about purchasing some gravel and to crush gravel. If you buy 5,000 yards rather than 3,500 yards there would be a better price. Doyon's pit is where the sand is coming from now. The gravel will be out of the same pit. This won't be paid for until November 2017 is what Scott told Gingue. There is an existing pile of gravel of 3,500 yards and Gingue wants to know if we want 3,500 yards or 5,000 yards. If the decision is not made soon, there would be another \$1.00 added per yard. Tim asked if the state tests the gravel. Gingue stated that you would need something to compare to. Tonight, Gingue is looking for a commitment and Bob Doyon's does not mind that it would be paid in November 2017. The selectmen would like a little time to make this decision. The selectmen will notify Gingue by Monday, August 31, 2015.

Pike Industries arrived at the meeting: They are asking for a partial payment when the invoices are delivered to the office next week. September 8th Pike will be doing the paving, if all goes well it will be a one day project or at the most day and one half days. The selectmen asked for some invoices and they will be passed along to Shauna to see if they will pay them up front.

Larry Seymour, Sutton Fire Dept. Update: The electrician finished the air exchange and everything is working and the building is complete. The civil engineer has just submitted a design to the State of Vermont to meet the for the pond. They are awaiting the official word from the state.

Celeste Girrell; Sutton School: The easements will be signed at the next school meeting on September 2, 2015 after it is discussed. Celeste is concerned about the sink holes that she has put posts in as a caution. To fix the wall the cost will be \$2,500.00 and when the landscaping is done the drainage should be going towards the road. If the land is landscaped correctly away from the well house, the drainage should be corrected. Scott apologized about the lack of communication about the easement; Gary Leach gave the board the impression that he was going to attend the school board meeting.

Michael Fix; Sutton School: The recycling: informed the board about a couple of incidents with extra trash. They need to have a better camera on the corner to get a better picture. A camera should be able to pick up license plates. The school is asking the town for better lighting and cameras. The trailer is also now  $\frac{3}{4}$  full and the trailer may need to be emptied more often. In the future, the size of the trailers should be addressed. People from other areas are bringing their recyclables and trash here. Scott and Michael Fix will make arrangements to look at the old storage trailer. Celeste would like to know if the town would defray the costs of the cameras. The selectmen are asking Celeste to get a price on the cameras. The vandalism will happen anyway. Also signage will be posted. The lighting also needs to be addressed so the cameras work properly. Solar lights should also be looked for around the area of the trailers. The school owns the trailer that holds the trash and it is pretty smelly, Scott is asking if he can cut holes in the trailer to let the smell out and Celeste said sure.

Bruce Conley: There are still dog problems. The selectmen gave the dog owner a letter and Candy Legge has been contacted and she has visited the dog owner. The Conley's said the middle house tenants complained on the 19<sup>th</sup> at midnight, all 3 dogs were out and the dogs would not let the tenants out of the car. At 2:00 AM the dog were barking. Tim spoke with Candy and Candy was going to send a letter to the selectmen but they have not received anything yet. Candy has been given some false information from the owners of the dog, but the selectmen are not aware of what it is. Tim has gone by at various times when the dogs were out, and the dogs were not barking. Tim also sat in the turnout for a period of time, and the dogs were not barking. The selectmen explained the animal control officer has more power than the selectmen and the selectmen are working with her. The animal control officer has tried to contact the tenants and has not been able to yet. The town is still working on this. Mrs. Conley will contact the tenants to have them contact Candy Legge.

Paul Brouha: Stated there are two items on the minutes from last meeting that he wants to know if anything has happened. One was the Maciosoi problem and Scott was going to draft a letter that has not been done yet because he wants to make sure of the state statutes. Tim said first we need a written complaint from the concerned individual making the complaint stating their concerns. The selectmen will work on the ordinance in the future. Paul stated if there are more than 4 vehicles in a yard then they have to apply for a junk yard permit. Paul feels that the Maciosoi has an activity going on that Paul considers it a junk yard. The letter of concern needs to address the junk on the property to make sure that does not become a health or environmental hazard. We need to make sure the letter to this person goes out registered.

Scott made a motion that all the selectmen approve the letter that goes out addressing the junk on the property. Joe seconded motion. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative.

Zoning Administrator: No other applications came in as of the extended deadline of August 27, 2015. Paul wants to the selectmen to appoint Mary Lou Lamont as an "Apprentice" Zoning Administrator and that she takes the training that will cost \$212.00 with the town picking up the cost. Paul spoke with her this afternoon and she said she would take the position providing it was an hourly position. Paul said that she will need to learn how to read house blue prints, etc.

Paul does not know what Mary Lou will be paid on an hourly basis and realizes the town will be paying Ron also. The selectmen will set the pay at an hourly rate.

Joe made a motion to appoint Mary Lou Lamont as the "Apprentice" Zoning Administrator. Scott seconded the motion. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative.

Paul is aware of the camper situation down the road on Calendar Brook Road. The zoning administrator sent the property owner a letter stating that he was out of compliance and would be fined. Prior to this Tim talked to Paul asking Paul not to push the issue until September, because this was a hardship case. The letter was mailed out August 18 and Tim was a little upset with this since Tim thought the letter could have been held off until September.

Tim wants to step back a bit on this case and wants to know why it happened in the first place. The camper was moved in to help a person out that was down on their luck. The person pulled some boulders out of the river to help divert the water flow in the river for the property owners. This, a hardship case; was he was not able to work due to an injury. This person is now back working and will be moving his camper out of the area. According to the ordinance a camper can only be on property and occupied for 30 days and shall not be connected to any public utilities. The zoning by-laws need to be amended in Tim's opinions.

The governing body does have the authority to change the zoning by-laws.

Scott made a motion to amend the zoning by-laws:

Article V: Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers Subsection 501: Travel Trailers.

Should read: A travel trailer so parked could be occupied from April 01 to October 15 and they will be allowed to hook up to private utilities, water and electricity. Joe seconded the motion.

Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative,

A Motion was made by Joe that the select board authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to sign all documents pertaining to the water project to allow the bid process to begin. Scott seconded the motion. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative

Joe nominated Scott to be the Clerk of the Works on the water project. Tim seconded motion.

Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative

Rick updated Tim on the new truck which will be here by fall.

Correspondence was gone over. There was one letter that was addressed to the selectmen that will be handled by the Lister's.

Warrants and checks were signed. Hopkins was paid from the invoices and not the statements and the selectmen were comfortable with this system.

Scott made a motion to adjourn at 8:45PM Joe seconded motion.

Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative

Minutes submitted by  
Mary Gray, Clerk

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