

Sutton Selectmen's Meeting
May 28, 2015

Called to order at 6:02PM by Tim Simpson, Chairman

Attending: Selectmen: Tim Simpson, Scott Spencer, Joe Solinsky; Public: Paul Brouha; Debby Jackson; Rick Jackson; Dan Jackson; Celeste Girrelle; Hayden Tanner; Larry Seymour; Dee Colburn; Gail Weed, Assistant Town Clerk; George Colburn, Town Clerk; Mary Gray, Clerk

Additions: Paul Brouha, RE: Zoning Administration Resignation; Larry Seymour, Fire Department

Scott made a motion to accept the April 30, 2015 minutes as printed: Joe seconded the motion; No Discussion: Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Balance in General and Highway: \$214,446.59.

Scott made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed, Joe seconded the motion. No discussion. Tim called to vote. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Hayden Tanner, School Board member: Talked about Recycling; Questioning who will be responsible to shovel the deck, who will be responsible when people drop off during the week, informed the board this is a learning center for the students and a storage shed for snow blower, rakes, shovels. Hayden stated that the school board has not voted on consolidating recycling with the town yet.

Tim explained on Saturday the person handling the trash will be responsible on that day. The question? Who is responsible the rest of the week? Tim will make sure signs will be posted and it will be in the paper to let the residents know the rules. The kids will also be learning and they will be recycling what comes from the school only, maybe the kids will bring items from home and encourage their parents to recycle at the same time. Scott feels the concerns are legitimate. The school takes care of this now but the school wants to know if the town could share in the cost. Celeste explained, if the school budget goes up at all, all increases needs to be towards education. Scott said, he plows the yard now and sands it in the winter, but if the snow comes on a Friday night, he will wait until possibly Monday morning, he stated he does plow a path around the school for fire safety. Hayden wants to make a committee: suggested a person from the selectmen's board and a person from the school board and Elizabeth Hubbard, and invite Fred from the trash company. The next school board meeting is June 3, 2015. Hayden explained Elizabeth has been organizing recycling for education. Celeste states that we need to consider the cost of the program also. Tim said it is quite obvious that we will share in the expenses. Celeste wants something in writing so there are no questions from board members down the road. Scott explained Fred is here 8 to 1 on Saturday. Elizabeth could come Saturday and meet with him along with Joe at 10 AM. Scott will call Fred to make the arrangements. This will be to discuss what will happen and who will pay for it. The

recycling for the school was started last July 1, 2014. We can bring all recycles to the Lyndonville recycling building any time.

Larry Seymour, Sutton Fire Department update: they have been doing finishing touches, seeded and mulch has been done; around the wetlands, ditching and drainage work has been started; some smoothing and grading has been done, but it is still too wet. Larry stated they now have to hire a certified engineer so everything is documented for a certificate; the size of the pond and the flow of the pond. An engineering company will come in and certify the pond without having to start from the very beginning but a civil engineer is not sufficient. Larry has talked to various engineers. Scott asked for a rough cost and Larry said he has been told the numbers they have thrown out from a few thousand to several thousands. Scott asked does that mean \$2,000 to \$4,000.? Larry said possibly. Scott asked if Larry knew this when they opted out of doing the sprinkler system. Larry did not know that they needed this when they opted to not have the sprinkler system. Scott asked how long the Fire Department knew that they needed a certified engineer and Larry said he found out the certified pond project had to be certified quite some time ago. Larry said he thought we had certified engineers and this is new to him. They had a civil engineer that works out of the state on dry hydrants and he has been to college and has been a civil engineering for about 15 years, so Larry thought that he was certified and found out that he was not. Larry also explained they are set up for a hydrant program with hopes of gaining something back.

Last month, Scott said, there was some failure with the fire station septic system. Hopkins did the work and Hopkins stated frost could tie into the failure, Hopkins did say he could offer something back on this. The valve costs about \$116.00 that needed to be replaced. Harris did the fixing of the system. The selectmen said that if Hopkins is willing to pay anything, then let's have them pay for it.

Larry just ordered the piping to finish up the hydrant system from the pond. The pond does not have water in it yet. Scott suggested that they should get the engineer in there before the pond is filled. Everything is on track according to Larry.

Larry said the certificate of occupancy is still a little bit in the future. The heat exchanger should be done in early July. Tim asked if the items from the special meeting have been settled and the money that was loaned by the town was paid back yet. Larry said no so Tim suggested he get together with Gail and George and make the arrangements to get this done.

Joe read a letter from Ron Trembly, that he will be resigning at the end of June 2015. Joe made a motion to accept the resignation of Ron Trembly. Scott seconded the motion. Discussion: Ron is willing to help out the new person when they come on board. The board will advertise this position like they do with all vacancies and the board will appoint the new zoning administrator. Paul Brouha said we have been giving a stipend and it may be difficult to find someone to work for this little stipend and it does take training. The budget was for \$1200.00 per year, at this time, there are only 4 or 5 permits to date, so that was pretty good money.

Tim called for a vote on accepting Ron Trembly's resignation. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Paving and mowing bids:

Scott made a motion to seek bids for 1.9 mile of paving from the intersection of Town Highway 1 to the town line of Burke with specs of: Bomag 2.5 cold base; 1.5 hot top seal with bids to be opened at the June 25, 2015 selectmen's meeting and advertising in the Caledonia Record. Joe seconded the motion. Discussion: Rick will check the culverts to make sure if they have to be replaced it should be done before paving starts. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Scott made a motion to put mowing out to bid, both ways; one pass and two passes to be opened at the next selectmen's meeting, June 25, 2015, advertising in the Caledonia Record. Joe seconded the motion. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed

Rick updated the board on a new truck: International dealer was supposed to be here tonight. Freightliner; \$19,000 for trade in toward a new truck. \$105,000 before trade in \$86,000 with trade in; Western Star is \$7,000 more.

Recessed: 5 minutes at 7:08PM; called back to order at 7:13pm

Tim suggested that anyone that sells us a new truck for any and all warranty work they should responsible for picking up the truck and bringing it back.

Prices received: Western Star: \$112,000 with \$19,000.00 trade in; Freightliner \$105,000 with \$19,000.00 trade in; International price was not received; Mack was not contacted

Scott made a motion to table the truck purchase until Tim contacts the rest of the board to hold a special meeting after receiving truck prices. Joe Seconded motion. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative to table the truck purchase until a special meeting is held. Motion passed

George has only 24 sessions of PT left, and he does that 3 times a week from 8 to 9 am. George is basically back full time, then Mary Lou will not be needed to help in the office.

George had a couple of requests:

- A. better lighting in the vault
- B. outlet plugs needs to be fixed in the office along with the kitchen outlets
- c. Plexiglas for the bulletin board, Don Cheney was suppose to have that done
- D. summer hours to be closed on Fridays, June, July and August (George will come in at 7:30 am to meet minimum 35 hours per week requirement)

Scott made a motion to call Dave Goodwin to get a price for better lighting in the vault and fix the outlets and have it on the agenda at the special meeting. Joe seconded the motion. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed

Gail made a comment that since the furnace is not on she is not getting shocked when she touches metal cabinets. This is also happening to Mary Lou. George or Gail are to call Dennis Depot to find out why people are getting shocked and get it fixed.

Gail request the Dog and chickens issue be settled. Gail informed the board the dog has been destroyed and it was gone shortly after the guinea hens were killed. There is still a question as to whether the town is responsible to pay for the hens.

Scott made a motion to not reimburse Tom Cave for the loss of the guinea hens. Joe seconded the motion. Tim called for a vote. Scott voted yes, Joe voted no, Tim voted no. Motion failed.

More discussion: is there a statute that says the town is responsible or not? Joe wants to check with the town attorney to see if we are responsible for animals destroying another's animals. Joe will call Peter Morrissette's to see if there is a statute. Scott said he has looked at the statutes and can't find one, Mary also said that Clint has looked into this and he has not found anything that states the town would be responsible. Scott stated he was against paying an attorney to find this out.

Joe made a motion to seek legal advice to see if we are responsible paying farm animals being killed by domestic dogs. Scott seconded the motion. Tim called for a vote. Joe voted yes, Scott voted no, Tim voted yes. Motion passed to seek legal advice on the statute.

Correspondence: Community National Bank: Line of credit documents were signed.
Two bridges: We need to legally post bridges for 4 tons (Mello and Clem Patoine's bridge) and also extend the runners. Scott suggested the fire department be contacted to wash the runners on the bridge. The state wants to know what we will be doing about the runners on the bridge. George will call Royce and have them contact Scott.

Bob Lapine has tires on his property that he wants removed from his property. Scott will look up the ordinance to see if we are responsible. Bob Lapine has an old gate that he wants the town to install, Scott said he would be willing to put it up but may need machinery to dig the holes.

Checks and warrants signed; Gail handed out the reports that NEMRC prints out at the board's request.

Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM Joe seconded the motion. Tim called for a vote. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:31pm

Submitted by
Mary Gray, Clerk