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**February 23, 2010
Selectmen's Meeting**

Present: Mark Richardson, Chairman, A. Richards, C. Guiry DMD, & A. A. Milkovits

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM.

Vendor checks were discussed and signed.

Agenda:

Appointment:

1. Kevin and Carlene Bell and their Attorney Charles Moser met with the Board, Town Assessor Richard Rockwood, Town Attorney Silas Little and Building Inspector Kenneth Wilson to resolve the second dwelling issue. Attorney Moser gave the background information on this issue, including the Selectmen's decision to deny the Bells' request for an abatement for 2009 taxes. He then displayed current pictures of the accessory building, which showed the stove removed, cabinets moved across the room, toilet no longer in the building, the water feeds capped. Mr. Moser stated that the Bells had made the requested changes to the building after Attorney Little's letter in February 2009. Mr. Bell stated that he had given pictures to the Selectmen's Office, of the building to prove his compliance. The Selectmen's Office denied receipt of the pictures and Mr. Bell did not have any copies. Mr. Bell also stated that the building was formerly assessed at \$8,000 and was now assessed over \$100,000. The Bells felt that they were in compliance with the Town and should have their assessment corrected and an abatement granted. After more discussion, Selectman Guiry made a motion that was seconded and voted unanimously to reconsider the issue with Town Counsel. Before the meeting was closed, it was decided that Richard Rockwood will assess the accessory building on Friday, March 5th at 9:30 AM; Building Inspector will also accompany Mr. Rockwood. Mr. Rockwood will report his findings to the Board for their determination of an abatement. Selectmen continued the discussion with Attorney Little. He advised the Board to set an abatement for the 2009 taxes, no higher than \$800. Selectman Guiry made a motion to grant an abatement not to exceed \$800 to the Bells for the 2009 property taxes. This motion was qualified by amending it to include that the abatement will be determined after Mr. Rockwood's assessment.
2. Mike O'Neill, Municipal Resources, Inc., met with the Board to explain the Mason School's funding requests. He presented the Selectmen with copies of the school budget, calculations for the tax rate and the state revenue sheets. It is his belief that the town under raised taxes by \$110,727. He indicated that the state may have made a mistake in estimating revenues for the school district. Mr. O'Neill stated that the school may receive enough revenue to offset most of that figure but the Town may have to pay the school district over \$20,000. The Town cannot pay the school more than the school appropriation of \$2,075,029. After more discussion, Selectman Guiry made a motion, which was seconded, to contact the DRA about this matter for their opinion and review.

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3. Police Chief Barry Hutchins met to request the use of Town owned lot K-52 to set up an agility course for the K-9 program. The Town acquired the lot through tax deed. The main problem is accessing the lot. There is a deeded right of way to the lot through the abutting lot. However the question is where the right of way is located; whether or not it is the driveway of lot K-53. Selectman Guiry made a motion that was seconded and voted unanimously to reserve lot K-52 for the Police Department training and K-9 agility. The Selectmen directed the Chief to meet with the abutters, owners of lot K-53 to work out the arrangements for an easement over their property.
4. Stephen Hoffman, Meetinghouse Hill Road, met with the Board to discuss a WIFI option through Google. He will work with Selectman Guiry on this project to apply to Google on behalf of the Town for the WIFI program.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

1. Town Warrant and Budget: Town Attorney's recommendations. The Warrant and Budget were signed and posted on Monday, February 22, 2010.
2. Re: Town vs. Blair – decision from the Court upheld the Town – Mr. Blair is required to move all cited property from the buffer on Hurricane Hill Road and west of the driveway, within 120 days.
3. Abatement Request: Rocheleau, lot A-22-4, Bryan, lot K-30 – these will be forwarded to Assessor Richard Rockwood.
4. Current Use Application: Bryan, lot K-31- Selectmen approved this application.
5. State Approved Septic: Greer, lot H-56
6. From State of NH Department of Safety: Permit/License application for Nathan Archambault for Auto Repair shop. Selectman Guiry requested that this application be sent to Attorney Little for review. He is also concerned about the extra cars parked on the property.
7. Re: Abandoned Property update – Nancy Potavin – the check for \$23,445.93 from Waste Management, D.E.S. dated January, 2007 was re-issued and received by Town.
8. Questions about 2010 TAN from TD Bank: Selectmen want an “as needed” TAN. Tax collections have increased to 94%, in recent days. No decision was made on the TAN or borrowing bank.
9. Police logs
10. Re: Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization of 2009 (CHIPRA) – information from LGC concerning member obligation.
11. Update from NHRS
12. From Census Bureau – “Take 10” Challenge.
13. From Conservation & Liquidation Office on Western Employers Insurance Company
14. Other correspondence

Selectmen signed Yield Warrant for Schulze; lot C-19, C-22, and C-23 for \$3,032.97.

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Selectmen received two quotes from TD Bank for the backhoe note and the cruiser. The backhoe note is for seven years, 4.02% for \$125,000. The cruiser and equipment note is for three years, 3.05% for \$36,000. The payments for both notes would begin in 2011. The Selectmen voted to accept these bids. Note was made that the cost of the backhoe is expected to be around \$100,000, not \$125,000.

Selectmen discussed the parking issue at Parkers Maple Barn. Since the restaurant has re-opened the Board would like to be proactive regarding the problem with the parking on Brookline Road. Selectmen will offer to pay for half of the required "No Parking" signs and also have the Highway Department install all the signs. This offer will be extended to Ron Roberts, owner with the stipulation that he answer in writing. The Road Agent will be consulted on the costs of the signs.

It was noted that there has been no response to the request to Martin Pelletier for a yield bond. Building Inspector Wilson will be directed to inspect the lot for logging and report his findings to the Board. If the logging has been done, then Town Forester William Downs will do an assessment of the cut and the Selectmen will assess a triple timber tax on Mr. Pelletier.

The Board set their "mini" meeting for March 9th for 6 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Barbara L. Milken
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