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October 12, 2010 Selectmen's Meeting

Present: C. Guiry DMD Ch., A. Richards, R. P. McGinnity, & A.A. Milkovits

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM. Vendor checks were discussed and signed.

Agenda:

Appointments:

- 1. Superintendent Jim McCormick met with the Board to discuss town and school maintenance issues. Mr. McCormick updated the Board on school issues. The school will be returning about \$67,000 to the Town from the school fund balance. That will help with the tax rate. He also stated that he is planning to present a level fund budget to the school board. The new budget will be lower than the default budget so he hopes that voters will understand the difference. On the outside maintenance issue, it seems that our Buildings and Parks manager has been mowing the schoolyard and billing the school (per direction of the school treasurer). The school custodian snow blows the school sidewalk and the Town Office walk and is paid by the school. Mr. McCormick mentioned that there is a snow maintenance line in the school budget. After more discussion, it was voted to maintain the two separate budgets: the Town would pay our Buildings and Parks Manager for mowing the schoolyard while mowing the Town Common and the school custodian would continue to snow blow the school sidewalk and Town Office walk and be paid by the school.
- 2. Greg and Kate Pugliese 14 Valley Road HP District presented a drawing with a location map of their proposed shed. The shed will be 8'x10'; clapboard sided and painted to match their house. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to approve the building of the shed without a hearing.
- 3. Mark Brackett, applicant for the road agent position, met with the Board at their request. The Board congratulated Mr. Brackett on being the first choice for the position. Selectmen called for a non public session at 8:05 PM for salary negotiations with Mr. Brackett. Present were the Selectmen, Mr. Brackett and A.A. Milkovits. After discussion, the Selectmen voted to offer a salary of \$51,000 with fully paid health benefits. This offer is contingent on a completed background check on Mr. Brackett (Police Chief Hutchins will do the background check); Mr. Brackett obtaining a CDL-B; and having a drug and alcohol test. Mr. Brackett accepted the Board's offer. There was further discussion on the responsibilities of the Road Agent and an update on the Highway Department and on the roads and vehicles. The Selectmen emphasized that they would not "micromanage" the Department that Mr. Brackett would be responsible for all aspects of the Department. Session ended at 8:30 PM.
- 4. Kenneth Wilson, Building Inspector had two issues to discuss with the Board:
 - Carol Iodice, 304 Old County Road, has not responded to Mr. Wilson's request to apply for a Building Permit. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to levy a \$50 per day fine on Mrs. Iodice starting on October 1st and continuing until she completes a

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Building Permit application. This letter will be sent certified as well as regular mail.

• Mathias Strelow, Hurricane Hill Road, has requested a permit for building another ham radio tower. After some discussion, the Board advised that all applicants for permits for ham radio towers are held to the same setback standards and other considerations. As long as the towers are to for personal use, they will not fall under the tower ordinance.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

- 1. Re: Boundary Corner between Town lot L-36 and L-37 William Downs, Town Forester described his determination of the corner through his forestry activity. This information was given to Building Inspector Wilson for his bound's inspection of lot L-37.
- 2. Building Permit: #10-23 Griffin, lot J-52, new house renewal permit, #10-24 Griffin, lot J-52, barn renewal permit
- 3. Completion Certificates: Morrison, lot C-30, house; Fifield, lot D-9, septic
- 4. Driveway Permit: Connolly, lot G-31-1, Depot Road
- 5. Police logs
- 6. From DRA: 2010 Assessment of PSNH \$1,359,995
- 7. From LGC annual audit reports
- 8. From DRA Stumpage values
- 9. Other correspondence

Selectmen signed an Intent to Cut for Joseph Iodice, lots L-17, L-19, and L-24.

Town Counsel sent comments by phone to the Board concerning the Personnel Policies and Procedure Manual. Since the Police Chief has his manual and the Library Trustees take care of their personnel, he felt the document may be too voluminous for the number of employees. Selectmen will take his comments under consideration before adopting the policies.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.