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**November 9, 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. Steve Willette requested permission to use the Mann House for an evening of paranormal study. He explained his interest in the study and how he remembered feeling "something" at the Mann House when he was working as a part-time police officer for the Town. The study he proposes would consist of videotaping, recording, taking the temperature etc. of the building from the basement to the second floor. No offices would be entered. The Board told him that they would make a decision later on in the evening.
2. Jeff Babel and Harry Spear, members of the Roads Evaluation Committee, with Road Agent Mark Brackett and Assistant Road Agent David Morrison present, discussed the following:
  - 13 miles of paved roads need immediate attention.
  - Recommend an aggressive chip sealing program at approximate cost of \$100,000 per year.
  - Recommendations for a "bare bones" budget does not allow for new road improvements.
  - Specific roads: Campbell Mill Road, Wilton Road and Abbott Hill Roads need traffic counts. NRPC could do the count.
  - Substructure needs work before any sealing can be done.
  - Drainage needs to be done first.
  - They need to set up a priority list of roadwork.
  - Possibly could set up two budget lines: Road Repair and Road Re-Build
  - Keep up application of calcium chloride on dirt roads.
  - Evaluate Town plow routes for efficiency.
  - Discuss benefits of increasing budget lines versus putting roadwork in a warrant article. Selectman Richards cautioned against using warrant articles for roadwork as they could be voted down too easily.

Selectmen thanked the Committee for their hard work and asked them to stay active for another five months. Chairman Guiry reminded the Board that Mr. Babel is the DPW Director in Hollis and brings valuable experience and information to the Roads Committee and Highway Department. Chairman Guiry recommends that the Highway Department do a presentation on the roads at Town Meeting: past actions, plans for future work. Selectman McGinnity explained that the Town needs to use its money for the best purposes. The Board recommended that the Road Agent continue to work with the Committee on this project and to meet with the Board with an evaluation of plow routes and an evaluation of the 13 miles of roads: what roads to save, what need immediate work, etc. All were invited back to the next meeting to give an update.

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3. Stephen Hoffman, Meetinghouse Hill Road and Wolfgang Millbrandt, Starch Mill Road discussed implementing broadband for the Town of Mason. They and Bruce Mann would like to form a committee to investigate what is available for the whole town for WIFI. There will be a mapping for broadband meeting in Concord on November 16<sup>th</sup> that they will attend for information. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and voted to appoint Stephen Hoffman, Wolfgang Millbrandt and Bruce Mann to the Mason Broadband Exploratory Committee to check into options and opportunities for the Town to achieve WIFI.

**Selectmen reviewed the following:**

1. Personnel issue: a non public session was called at 8:45 PM by Chairman Dr. Guiry to review 3 personnel issues. Present were the Selectmen and A.A. Milkovits. The three issues involving reputations were reviewed and no action was taken. Session ended at 10PM.
2. Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual was reviewed and adopted. This will be distributed to all employees next week.
3. From FEMA: CD and map for flood districts in the state.
4. State approved septic for lot B-2-4, Gautier
5. Police logs
6. Monthly expense report
7. Town Clerk's minutes from November 2, 2010 elections
8. From Town Counsel – copy of letter for 2009 audit
9. From D.R.A. – notice of equalization ratio study
10. From BTLA: order to settle for Rowntree case
11. 2009 Audit
12. Other correspondence

Selectmen voted to approve Steve Willette's request to do a paranormal study at the Mann House. There will be a limitation on the use of the building; all offices are not to be included in the study.

Selectmen discussed the use of personal vehicles on Highway Department projects. A memo will be sent to the Road Agent to halt the use of personal vehicles on the job.

Questions arose concerning the payment of CDL license for the new Road Agent. Since the job was advertised with a requirement for the applicant to have a CDL, then the Board voted that Mr. Brackett will pay for his license. Following that, all renewals of the license will be paid by the Town.

The 2010 tax rate will be set on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Selectmen reviewed the revenues and expenses. After some discussion, Chairman Dr. Guiry proposed increasing the assessment of PSNH by \$40,000 due to the new poles and wires. The Board voted in the affirmative to change PSNH assessment to \$1,760,100.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

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