

Minutes of September 24, 2012

A work meeting was held at 5PM with the following people in attendance: The Board of Selectmen, engineer Tom Loughlin, Peter Marks, Highway Superintendent, Nicole Reid and Michael Skorput. The work meeting was scheduled to review and discuss the bridges in town that need to be fixed or replaced. Mr. Loughlin will gather additional information on costs and will return next Monday, October 1st at 5PM for a follow up meeting.

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM.

All members were present.

The minutes of September 17th were accepted as amended.

The Board received a letter from the School Committee requesting one full time resident to be on a Superintendent Screening Committee (SSC). It was noted that the person must attend all of the schedule meetings/interviews or they would not get to vote on a superintendent. The Board will post the notice on the Town web-site, bulletin board, Town Library and the Mill River Store. Interested persons must have a letter of interest in to the Board by November 1st.

The Board received a letter of resignation from Mr. Nick Trierweiler, Highway Department worker effective October 11, 2012. The Board will advertise the open position immediately.

The Board inquired if a response has come in yet regarding the letter from the Army Corp of Engineers that was referred to Mrs. Barbara Marchione. No reply as of today.

The Board discussed that it will have to run a deficit in the 2009 abatement overlay, since Verizon won a lawsuit. The abatement will cost around \$16,000 to \$17,000.00. That includes the 8% interest. Town Counsel recommends that the Town pay it. The Board would like to have a letter from DOR representative Mr. Jim Podalak stating that it is fine for the Town to have a deficit.

The Board inquired if Mr. William Brinker has been in contact regarding the Blackboard system. No reply as of today.

At 6:45PM a motion was made, seconded and so voted to open a pole hearing for National Grid/Verizon. Tony Cori, a representative from National Grid was present. Mr. Cori stated that the project includes installing a set mind hand pole 480 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Knight Road for a resident at 1178 Mill River Great Barrington Road. An abutter was present and

questioned which property would the pole be installed on? Mr. Cori stated that the pole would be installed on Town property. The Chair, request hearing no further comments, made a motion, seconded and so voted to approve the request as presented. A roll count was called for: Mr. Yohalem – Yes, Ms. White – Yes, Mr. Davis – Yes. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to close the hearing.

Police Chief Scott Farrell appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding bills that have been submitted to his account that have been double paid, with fees included and some other bills that have not been paid correctly. Chief Farrell stated that these errors have not been corrected to his account and there seems to be a communication problem between the Board and himself.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Reid
Administrative Secretary