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Board of Selectmen

Minutes of July 23, 2012

The Meeting was opened at 6:00 PM.

All members were present.

Mr. John Springstube, Dog Officer, Mr. Scott Farrell, Police Chief and Ms. Prudence Spaulding, Animal Inspector, appeared before the Board to discuss communication issues. Mr. Farrell stated that he had to respond to the same residence three times for Pitt Bulls that were running around the neighborhood. Residents were concerned about their safety. Mr. Springstube stated that he has spoken with the dog owner, issued a dog violation and will issue a second violation since the owner has not been in to pay. Ms. Spaulding suggested that the fines be increased so that residents will license their dogs promptly. It was suggested that Mr. Springstube have a pager so that he will be aware of calls earlier. It was decided that Mr. Farrell will look into obtaining a pager for Mr. Springstube and that both Mr. Farrell and Mr. Springstube will exchange email addresses for better communication.

The meeting minutes of July 9th were accepted as amended.

The Board received two letters of complaint regarding loud noise coming from Gedney Farm late in the night on the weekends. The noise involves music, the dropping of bottle & cans, and buses backing up the driveway. The Board has forwarded the letters to Town Counsel for his opinion and Town Counsel states that there are no State Laws for loud noise. It falls under the DEP's jurisdiction and a complaint would have to be filed with it or the residents could file a civil suit. Town Counsel also recommends that the Town not get involved in this issue. Mr. Yohalem suggested hosting a meeting with at least one of the persons who made the complaint, an employee of Gedney Farm and one selectmen member to discuss the noise issue. The Board thought it would be best to just send a letter to the two persons who have complained and state what Town Counsel said.

The Board mentioned that Governor Patrick will have a new office in Pittsfield with office hours on every 3rd Thursday.

Mr. Roger Levine, Solid Waste Coordinator, appeared before the Board to discuss the Transfer Station. Mr. Levine mentioned a previous memo report he sent to the Board and he feels that the Town should be pro-active and stay ahead of the game regarding the lease of property. Mr. Levine stated there are three options: leave transfer station as is, add an additional compactor (that

might cost \$30,000 or \$40, 000) and do single stream or to close the transfer station. Mr. Levine stated that it costs the Town around \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year to run the transfer station.

The Board reviewed and discussed the BSC Group report on culverts and bridges. The report mentioned that two of the culverts don't meet the State requirements due to the width of them. One culvert is on Clayton Mill River Road by Prince and Shalaby residences and the other culvert is on Canaan Southfield Road by Foley Hill Road. It was noted that the State will not provide any funds for repairs of the two culverts, but it will come and inspect them.

Mr. Yohalem stated that he attended the meeting of the Historical Commission and the Commission voted not to approve of siding for the Town Hall. Mr. Yohalem also mentioned that the Board received a letter from Mr. Joe Poindexter, Historical Society President, that stated the vote of the Historical Commission is just for approval – the Board could have siding on the Town Hall if it chose to.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant