

Greenville Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Public Meeting
October 8, 2008

Members present: Scott Blease, Kathy Washburn, Brenda Bergeron

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Eric Larocque and Charles Buttrick – timber cutting

Charles Buttrick explained how he was called to check on timber cutting on town property. Eric Larocque said that back in Jan 07 he contacted state fish and game and local police to have permission to deal with the beavers. He was given permission to cross the brook to access the trees. E. Larocque said that he cut 4 trees that had been damaged by the beavers. Dennis Heywood never had a problem with him doing this in the past until there was wood that could be used. He said that he was told by state officials that if the trees were going to damage his home he could take them down. He also said that he is concerned about the ongoing maintenance issue, every 3 month he needs to go into the river and remove the debris from the beavers or he will have flooding. D. Heywood will not allow him access to the roadway leading to the town highway garage to access the river. C. Buttrick said that he always felt the town owned up to the river. E. Larocque said that it should be made clear to D. Heywood that this is not timber cutting it is maintenance and he stated that he is having a survey of his property done.

Jason Robinson, who abuts Larocque property, stated that there is a tree on town property, along the roadway, that hangs onto his house. Who is responsible for taking it down? Town is if on town property.

Board agreed to research the deeds, look at the tree and speak with Dennis to allow Mr. Larocque to go onto town property. E. Larocque stated that currently he is not having any problems.

E. Larocque told the Board that there was an ash tree cut down by the bridge on Mill Street near Seachange and the debris was left near the river and this eventually washes down the river.

Rose Thibault – water meter

Rose Thibault told the Board she received a letter from Linda Langille that she needs to have an outside reader installed at her residence. A few years ago they installed a new meter and asked to have a reader put in then but was told it could that it could not be done. It is not her fault that the meter is not installed. Board told her that they were told that she refused a meter to be installed as she did not want a hole drilled into the concrete of her basement. It was agreed that they would have Carla and Rose come to a meeting with the Board to discuss this matter further.

Fire Wards Charles Buttrick, Peter Vaillancourt, Ed White and Deputy Fire Chief Stimans

Kathy Washburn told them that the board received the purchase order for EMT basic training and this brought up questions to them in refer to SVAS and the fire department. They would like some background as to how the change came about from fire department to fire rescue. Peter Vaillancourt said that about 10 to 12 years ago it switched and initiated by either David Bourgault or David Holman. Jim Stimans said that this was done to provide a better level of care to the residence of Greenville. Ed White stated that it was to provide better emergency medical care to residents, to enhance what SVAS does. J. Stimans stated that SVAS response time is between 5 to 10 minutes and Greenville Rescue is 2 to 3 minutes, as they are right here and can then have patient care much faster. J. Stimans stated that the number of EMT's currently on Greenville Rescue is 12 of which none are on SVAS. J. Stimans stated that they have been asked by SVAS to join but will not. Board asked why and were told that the Fire Wards have been told it is because of administration on SVAS. J. Stimans said that there has been better communications between the 2 departments recently.

Charles Buttrick said that in the past he had spoken with a board member of SVAS about problems between the 2 department and assumed that he was going to look into it and it was being taken care of. As the town has 2 representatives on the SVAS board and we are paying for services and they only have a few members on the service, none from Greenville fire, the Board of Selectmen should be bringing the in to question them what is going on and to look into it for them. J. Stimans stated that he knows the attendants that left were asked to attend a meeting with the SVAS board to discuss their reasons for leaving. J. Stimans stated that prior to the issues of personnel between the departments things went well.

After all discussion the Board signed the purchase order for the EMT basic training for 2 individuals.

Meeting recessed at 9:00 p.m. to Monday, October 13, 2008 for a meeting with the Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service Board of Directors and the New Ipswich Board of Selectmen to be held at the SVAS ambulance bay in New Ipswich at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by,
Linda Langille

Minutes approved by,
Board of Selectmen

Scott Blease, Chairman

Kathleen Washburn

Brenda Bergeron