

TOWN OF GREENVILLE, NH
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
January 23, 2013
Minutes

4:00 p.m. Open Meeting

Chairperson Scott Blease opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Chairperson Blease, Selectperson Bergeron, Selectman Reardon, Town Administrator, Kelley Collins, Representatives from Utility Partners, Chuck Terry, Gerry Curran and John Devereaux

4:00 p.m. Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) to discuss pending litigation

Selectperson Bergeron made a motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) to discuss pending litigation at 4:02 p.m. Selectman Reardon seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Blease – yes; Selectperson Bergeron – yes; Selectman Reardon – yes.

Selectperson Bergeron made a motion to leave Non Public Session and seal the minutes until the matter is settled at 4:22 p.m. Chairperson Blease seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Blease – yes; Selectperson Bergeron – yes; Selectman Reardon – yes.

4:15 p.m. Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) to discuss pending litigation

Selectperson Bergeron made a motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) to discuss pending litigation at 4:23 p.m. Selectman Reardon seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Blease – yes; Selectperson Bergeron – yes; Selectman Reardon – yes.

Selectman Reardon made a motion to leave Non Public Session and seal the minutes until the matter is settled at 4:29 p.m. Chairperson Blease seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Blease – yes; Selectperson Bergeron – yes; Selectman Reardon – yes.

Review and discuss 2013 proposed budget and Warrant Articles

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft 2013 Warrant as submitted by the Town Administrator. Some changes were made. The Board of Selectmen does not recommend the Police Cruiser and the warrant article will carry that notation. The Town Administrator will submit to the Department of Revenue for review prior to the Public Hearing on the Budget scheduled for February 6th.

5:30 p.m. Meet with Chuck Terry and Gerry Curran, representatives of Utility Partners to discuss Water & Sewer Operations

Chuck Terry from Utility Partners began by bringing to the Board's attention the great job that John Devereaux has done since the transition from Woodard & Curran to Utility Partners on January 1st 2012. John has been the consistent operator and assisted UP greatly. Mr. Terry thanked John and wanted to make sure the Board was aware of his contribution.

Gerry Curran noted at we are still piloting chemicals. We have until the end of January on the current chemical and then we will be switching to the iron based chemical. He noted that the chemical piloting has been trying. Thankfully the highway

department has assisted them in moving barrels, etc.

Pilgrim Foods – Mr. Curran noted that there have been no violations since November Major Repair #33-14 in the amount of \$2,533.95. This repair is for the influent pump room sump pump. The pump is 33 years old and has become increasingly unreliable. John notes that it has flooded a couple of times in the past. The Board reviewed and approved the repair.

Greenville Estates – Utility Partners has not heard from GEVD who they will be using for the annual calibration of the meter.

Gerry Curran notes that all these piloting chemicals come in 55 gallon drums and now they need to get rid of the drums. The Board discussed names of some companies that might pick up the drums.

The anoxic return pump is here.

De-gritting – There is no de-gritting device at the WWTP. Basically, the grit is being drawn up through the system including all the pipes and pump and could eventually cause damage. Gerry will price out a de-gritting device.

Utility Partners representative left when a call came in for a broken pipe at 4 Acton Court.

Old Business

Review and discuss status of tax deeding

There is an eviction notice out for 104 Old Hillcrest, but it appears they will be redeeming that property. Mr. Frost called today and notified us that the mobile we intended to remove is actually occupied. Eviction proceedings will start on that resident as soon as the lawyer can get them sent to the Sheriff for delivery.

Review and discuss status of High Street slope stabilization project

The poles have been moved on High Street. No date has been set for the wires to be moved yet. This will require the power to be cut to that area for a day. PSNH should notify us when they have a date. The Town Administrator has received the executed easement from the Davis's. She has also spoken to Diane Steele and the Alix's will be executing their easement. We are waiting to hear from the Fourniers and from Esther Carta (formerly Walker). The Town will be meeting with Robert Durfee, our engineer, on February 13, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Review and discuss status of Livingston Road culvert project

The Town Administrator, Road Agent and our engineer for this project, Scott Williams, met with representatives of NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) Lance Harbour, Elizabeth Peck and Emily Jacobs on Wednesday, January 16, 2013. As the Board knows, Town Meeting in 2012 approved a Warrant Article for a total project cost of \$85,564. After preliminary engineering, the cost to do both crossings came back at \$193,134. We met with HSEM to see if we could get the additional funding. While HSEM was sympathetic to the fact that the NH DES's Stormwater Crossing regulations change had this significant impact and they could de-obligate some funding from other projects they did not believe there would be an additional \$80,678 available (75% of \$193,134 = 144,850 less the \$64,173 (75% of \$85,564)).

After considerable discussion it was suggested that the Town write a letter to HSEM asking to modify the scope of the project from both crossings to just the lower (south) crossing. The cost of this new scope would be \$110,272 or \$24,708 more. We would of course be seeking 75% from FEMA or an additional \$18,531. This will also require that the town have a warrant article for the additional 25% town match of \$6177.

The Board agreed to the change in scope.

New Business

Review and discuss request from Mr. Barrett and Mr. O'Reilly, Board Members of Greenville Estates Tenant's Cooperative, to meet regarding 192 New Hillcrest Drive

The Board will meet with Tom Barrett and Sonny O'Reilly, Board Members of Greenville Estates Tenant's Cooperative on February 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Review and discuss proposed legislation that would amend RSA 72:36-a to exempt all property for a totally and permanently disabled veteran (currently it is set at \$1400 tax credit in Greenville)

The Town Administrator provided the Board of Selectmen with a copy of a bill that was introduced by Senator Bragdon that would change the \$1400 Veteran's Tax Credit for totally and permanently disabled to a 100% tax credit. She noted that Greenville currently has (5) of these tax credits for \$7000 but if the property was exempted it would go up to almost \$14,000 in lost taxes. She just wanted the Board to be aware. Other towns will be contacting Senator Bragdon to ask him to consider the impact of lost tax revenue on municipalities.

Senator Bragdon's Office called today and he would like to bring Greenville's new Senator, Peggy Gilmore, to a future selectmen's meeting to meet the Board. His office suggested the February 13th meeting. The Town Administrator noted that we already have February 13, 2013 slated as the snow date for the February 6, 2013 Public Hearing on the 2013 proposed budget. In addition, we have already scheduled Mr. Durfee, from Dubois & King to deliver the 95% complete design for High Street at 5:30 p.m. and the Board has scheduled to meet with Mr. Barrett and Mr. O'Reilly, board members of Greenville Estates Tenant's Cooperative at 7:00 p.m. The Board is happy to meet Senator Gilmore and Senator Bragdon is always welcome but they asked the Town Administrator to see if they are available on February 27, 2013 instead.

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Review, discuss and approve check manifests

The Board reviewed, approved and signed the payroll and accounts payable check manifests, as submitted.

Review, discuss, approve and sign minutes for January 9, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting, including Non Public Session minutes

The Board reviewed, approved and signed the January 9, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting minutes, including the Non Public Session minutes.

Review, discuss, approve and sign renewal for health, dental, s-t-d and l-t-d and life insurance, including minor changes made by Board

The Board authorized the Chairman to sign the renewal documentation of the town's health, dental, life, short-term and long-term disability insurances.

Review, discuss, approve and sign engagement letter for 2012 audit which is to commence field work in April 2013.

The Board authorized the Chairman to sign the engagement letter for the 2012 audit.

Review, discuss, approve and sign letter to former owner of tax deeded property on Old Hillcrest Drive outlining conditions for redemption of property.

The Board reviewed, approved and signed the letter to the form owners of 104 Old Hillcrest Drive which outlines the conditions for the redemption of the tax deeded property. In the meantime, the eviction process will continue, pending satisfactory completion of the items on the agreement.

Review and discuss abatements for tax deeded property

The Board reviewed the abatements, as requested by the Tax Collector. The Town Administrator notes that she prepared the abatements, as requested by the Tax Collector, but Attorney Bedard advises that they should not abate the second issue 2012 taxes. Attorney Bedard states that if we abate those taxes, prior to filing the tax deed at the registry and the town becoming the owner, we will be unable to collect the second issue 2012 taxes.

Selectman Reardon made a motion to deny the request for abatements. Chairperson Blease seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned


The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kelley A. Collins/Town Administrator

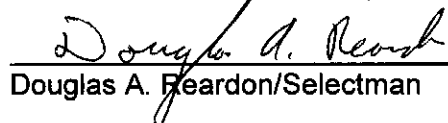
Approved by:



Scott Blease/Chairperson



Brenda Bergeron/Selectperson



Douglas A. Reardon/Selectman