

Town of Whitefield
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2011

Present: Steve McCormick, Sue McKeen, Frank Ober, Tom Colpitt, and Dennis Merrill

Selectboard actions

1. The minutes of the 4/25/11 meeting were approved, 4-0-1
2. Minutes for future meetings. The objective is to briefly capture the nature and policy aspects of each issue discussed as well as actions taken
3. Posted roads. Dennis asked about enforcement of road posting during the spring. Jewett road was damaged by heavy vehicles and money had to be spent to make repairs. That road was not posted this year. In general, the police must enforce postings and incidents of inappropriate use should be reported to them.
4. Plowing contractor. A meeting will be set up with S. McGee for May 16 to discuss issues from this year's plowing and sanding. A review of the file is needed in advance.
5. EMA director. A person is needed to fill this vacant position. The position is unpaid but necessary training is paid. We will contact the Fire Department officers for suggestions.
6. Health officer. A person is also needed to fill this vacant position. There was no money raised for the upcoming year so a person doing this job would do so as a public service.
7. Invoices approved for payment. From Cliff Goodall for legal services 5-0.
8. RSU 12 reapportionment. A request for a selectperson and citizen to assist the RSU in reapportionment of it board pursuant to the 2010 census was reviewed. Dennis will do this and find a citizen. [p.s. Marianne Marple has agreed to participate.]
9. Ownership of Enos dam. The State has sent a letter inquiring as to the ownership of the Enos (Clary Lake) dam. The owner of record's name, Richard Smith, will be sent to the State Office of Emergency Preparedness.
10. Rideout property. Steve reported that Arthur Strout sent a letter to the Rideouts requesting an action plan to come into compliance. A response is due by May 13.
11. Steve reported a resident passed away on last Friday and requests were made regarding burial on the his own property. After investigation, Steve found that private burial lots are controlled by the State DHHS. This is possible but there are certain restrictions.
12. A letter introducing RJD Appraisal services was noted.
13. Midcoast Economic Development. The MCED is requesting two representatives be appointed to its general assembly. Action on this was tabled. Also, invitations for the group's annual dinner were received. No board member will attend.
14. A motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter was approved 5-0. The session was held from 7:00 PM to 7:55 PM.
15. Fire station leases. Comments from Cliff Goodall's review were discussed briefly; there were no major concerns or changes. Lists of property owned by the Town and the respective associations should be attached to each lease. The lists can be amended from time to time as necessary to keep current.
16. New fire station. A final walk through was made and only a few minor issues such as some hardware, etc. still need attention. Outside, grading is not yet done and it somewhat unclear when it will be completed as weather is a concern in addition to scheduling of work crews. Absent any recent work, a scheduled requisition meeting was cancelled. About \$25,000 is being held back pending completion of the work.

Assessors' Actions

1. Five abatements were signed: Steven Dumas (2), Carol Ann Dove, Bruce & Ann Young, and Morton Lumber.

Steven C. McCormick, Chair

Susan B. McKeen

Franklin A. Ober

Thomas Colpitt

Dennis Merrill