

Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2012

Present: Steve McCormick, Tom Colpitt, Frank Ober, Lester Sheaffer, and Dennis Merrill

Select Board actions

1. The minutes of the September 4 meeting were approved 5-0.
2. Roads. David Boynton reported the winter sand is put up in the shed. Everything went well and we got good quality sand. He does not yet have all of the final numbers but it appears the sand cost \$8.43 per yard to buy and put up.
3. Two warrants were signed.
4. Two quit claim deeds were signed.
5. Plowing bond. The Board reviewed the bond submitted by Spicer Tree for plowing of the roads this winter, and had no concerns. Also, we need to inspect the trucks; Tom will coordinate this.
6. D.A.R. request. The Daughters of the American Revolution submitted a document asking that the Town recognize Sep 17 to 23 as Constitution Week. The Board voted 5-0 to do this.
7. Executive session 1. The Board voted to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Following the session, the Board voted 5-0 to hire Diane Brush as an attendant at the Recycling Center, to fill in when Jeff Newell is not available.
8. Clary Lake dam. George Fergusson of Clary Lake Association came in to discuss possible Town ownership of the dam. This could be an option if the current owner decides to give up ownership. The Association would pay all maintenance and operating costs but is concerned about liability issues. A town is better protected from liability claims. George will be meeting with the Jefferson selectboard as well since joint municipal ownership is a possibility. This was a general and preliminary discussion and the Board was not asked to take any action. To take ownership of the dam, a vote of the Town Meeting would be required. Another possibility would be for a LLC to be formed to own the dam. Finally, George noted that DEP has yet to decide on a water level order and getting that in place would be the next step in any event.
9. The Board received a letter from Roger Marjorwicz describing the sculpture he is donating to the Town. This is now located at the fire station.
10. Executive session 2. The Board voted to go into executive session to review applications received for the Administrative Assistant position.

Assessors' Actions

1. Executive session 3. The Board voted to go into executive session to review an application for a poverty tax abatement.

2. Tax commitment. The Board voted 4-1 to set a mil rate of 14.75 for the 2012 tax bills, and based on the valuation amounts in tax commitment papers prepared by Assessor's Agent Tom Hayes. The commitment papers were signed.

Steven C. McCormick, Chair

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