

**Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2015**

**Present: Sue McKeen, Tony Marple, Frank Ober, Lester Sheaffer and
Dennis Merrill
Administrative Assistant Aaron Miller**

Select Board actions

- 1. The minutes of June 2 were approved 5-0.**

- 1. Coopers Mills Volunteer Fire Department. Several representatives of CMVFD were present to discuss their plans for a new building. Bids for construction of a new building came in higher than anticipated, causing that proposal to be abandoned. As an alternate, CMVFD is now proposing to renovate its existing building. This would include upgrading of wiring and insulation as necessary and inspection by a structural engineer. Also, new heating, lights, insulation and a bathroom would be provided. There would be three bays as there are now and the possibility for expansion would be preserved. Fire Chief Scott Higgins noted that the Town's need is for one bay to house the new pumper tanker truck. Following some discussion, the Board voted 5-0 to support the concept presented by CMVFD.**

- 1. Foreclosed land. The Board met with the former owner of a relatively small parcel of undeveloped land. She asked for a 45-day extension of the Town's intent to sell the land by sealed bid to allow time to reclaim the property. The Board agreed to this, setting July 24 as the deadline.**

- 1. Spirit of America. The Board voted 5-0 to nominate the Whitefield Food Bank volunteers for the Spirit of America award.**

- 1. Balltown Lane. The lane leading to the sand and salt shed and recycling center is in poor condition and needs repairs. The Board discussed options, including grinding the pavement and making most of the lane gravel. The portion near Townhouse Road and the pavement in front of the buildings would be retained.**

- 1. Fire station lease. The Board had a general discussion about the lease with CMVFD. In light of the proposal to upgrade their**

building, the lease may need some updates or revisions. Possible areas include ensuring any new construction meets all applicable codes, clarifying who is responsible for various maintenance and what might happen should upgrades not be made in the next year.

- 1. Fourth of July parade. The Board voted 5-0 to sanction the Kings Mills parade on the Fourth of July as a Town event.**

Assessor's Actions

1. With Assessor's Agent Tom Hayes present, the following abatements were approved 5-0 each.

- 1. Tax acquired property on Townhouse Road, formerly R. Chase. The building value was reduced due to very poor condition. New total value \$37,141.**
- 2. Tax acquired property on Wiscasset Road, formerly R. Chase. The building value was reduced due to very poor condition. New total value \$44,583.**
- 3. Tax acquired property on Hemlock Lane, formerly M. Fairservice. The mobile home value was reduced due to very poor condition. New total value \$77,326.**
- 4. Property on Townhouse Road owned by G. King. Mobile home value reduced due to incorrect prior measurements, undependable water supply and other issues. New total value 37,699.**

2. The Board voted 5-0 to remove one base lot from a parcel owned by W. Chiappini and V. Stanley.

3. The Board voted 5-0 to combine lots 9-5 and 90-5A.