

**Town of Whitefield
Select Board Meeting October 6, 2015**

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

Select Board actions

- 1. The minutes of Sep 29 were approved 4-0.**

- 1. Old fire truck. The surplus 1980 tanker truck has been a public auction site for over 30 days with some interest and offers. The top offer was from resident Lloyd Brown for \$2,000. The Board voted 4-0 to accept Lloyd's bid.**

- 1. Private road access. Fire Chief Scott Higgins and Deputy Chief Tom Feeney came in to discuss access for emergency vehicles on private lanes. There have been recent requests for opinions from residents. There are currently no formal standards and requests have been addressed on a case by case basis. Considerations for proper access include road width and clearing of vegetation. The Chief will prepare a standard letter setting forth uniform criteria that can be used in response to future requests.**

- 1. Clary Lake, George Fergusson came in to update the Board on the Clary Lake situation. He has met with the Jefferson Select Board which is agreeable to a joint amicus brief in the pending appeal of the State water level order. Previously, our attorney has advised such a brief is not appropriate in the type of case involved.**

- 1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed. There were questions about charges for fencing installation (see below) and auditing services. These matters will be investigated further before checks are issued.**

- 1. Recycling fence. The new fence to help contain materials from blowing around has been installed by contractor from Lowe's. The installer provided new materials and did not use those already purchased by the Town. Aaron has made contacts and arranged for the materials to be picked up and credit issued.**

- 1. Back taxes. Aaron reported Mr. Harville will pay half of what is due in back taxes very soon and the balance next month. Richard Chase is paid up.**

- 1. Sale of land. Our real estate agent came in to update the Board on sale of a parcel on Wiscasset Road. The buyer is concerned the Town cannot provide clear title. Typically, towns issue quit claim deeds for their interest in tax acquired property. In this case, our agent has been in contact with the former owner who would be willing to sign a release deed to quiet the title. The Board voted 3-1 (Lester opposed) to authorize preparation of a release deed at a cost not to exceed \$200.**

Roads date. Dennis reported crack sealing on Vigue, Devine and Hilton roads is scheduled to be done next week. The projected cost is over the budget for that line but more miles of road will be done than anticipated. Paving of Vigue Road is expected in two weeks.

Assessor's Actions

None.