

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
DRAFT MINUTES
August 9, 2010

meeting open: 7:00PM

present: Maureen Chase, Victor C. Trombley, Jim Moore, Tom Spiro

others present: Bob Baker

Appointments

7:01 Planning Board

8:30 Conservation Commission, Peter Jeswald, Tom Miner

Peter spoke about cars parking off of Shelburne Falls Road next to the South River. His concern was vehicular pollutants being released into or in close proximity to the river. He asked if ownership should be checked where the cars are parking so that the Town can get permission to post this area for no parking. Chuck said that posting private property may be a problem. Jim and Maureen concurred. Tom will ask the assessor's office about who owns the property and let Peter know who does own it.

8:45 Sue McFarland

Asked for support for the Town's second holiday art walk and historical house tour. She wanted to reserve the Town Hall for Nov 27th and 28th, with the event taking place on the 28th. Events would be over by 5:00PM. She noted the scheduled tours/walks may be shorter this year. The Historical Society will manage the house tour. There will be outreach to local cottage businesses. She received a grant from the MA Cultural Counsel which will be used toward the event. The Board approved of this event and wished her well.

meeting items

- Warrants were signed.
- Minutes for 7/26/10 were approved as amended.
- Bob baker noted that the Reeds Bridge Road repair project was completed.
- Chuck asked Bob Baker to speak to the Tannys, who had asked to rescind their signed permission to allow trespass on their property to perform the repairs, to alleviate their concerns with the BFR project. Tom will help as well.
- The Board signed the Common Victaulers license for the Bridge Dinner celebration to be held on September 25, 2010.
- The Board approved payment of both Weston & Sampson invoices for the BFR and South River projects.
- Maureen signed the insurance schedules listing all Town vehicles and properties.
- Maureen gave an update on the school project. She noted that there was conflict regarding change orders. She said that the School Building Repair Committee and Clerk of the Works, Gary Kault, had experienced concerns with RAC Construction and GRLA (the architects) with regard to estimating time and costs. She continued with more history involving the questions and RAC's answers concerning these questions. She noted that the quality of the work of the sub-contractors and RAC is excellent but the project seemed to be a struggle with multiple unforeseen problems cropping up along the way, all of which cost money.
- Chuck noted to Ken Ouimette that Mike Kurkulonis asked about future meetings of the Garage Committee. Ken acknowledged these concerns.
- The Board read and acknowledged receipt of the job description questionnaire from the Personnel Committee.
- The Board read and acknowledged receipt of Grant Ingle's letter regarding MassDOT maintenance of Route 116 and regarding vandalism on Town property with his generous offer of \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties. It was noted that the fence along the walkway was heavily damaged and bleachers were turned up on end. It was noted that to turn the bleachers indicated more than one person or persons must have been involved.
- The Board talked about the Festival of the Hills Committee and Trustees. Tom noted that the Town Treasurer, Accountant and DOR representative agreed that money should not be fund raised by them through fund raising without becoming a separate entity. Chuck asked Tom to get a report from Elizabeth or Amy with suggestions as to what next steps would be appropriate.

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- Tom explained that the Town needed to vote to establish the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) either by Special Town Meeting or Annual Town Meeting. If by Annual Town Meeting the committee will not be able to plan spending any monies for FY2012. This information will be given to the CPC. They will get back to the Board with a request after their next meeting.

Mail and Other Items

- No mail

10:10 PM Motion to adjourn by Chuck, 2nd by Jim, all in favor.