

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
MINUTES
May 31, 2011

Meeting Open: 7:00PM

Present: Victor C. Trombley, Jim Moore, John O'Rourke, Tom Spiro

Others present:

Appointments

7:00 Tom & Marcia Lewis – Burial site at Cricket Hill Cemetery

Tom explained that Marcia's parents had recently died and wanted to be buried at Cricket Hill Cemetery. He explained how they had requested a site from the Town but that the cemetery map was unclear as to what was available, and no other records existed in terms of deeds. Mr. Lewis asked the Board if they would agree to check what seemed to be open spaces in the middle of the lot. He continued that if these spaces were in fact available the their parents were buried there, they would be accepting of moving their parents remains to somewhere else if records were found that claimed that space. If this option were not possible then the Lewis' would contact Mrs. Paysons to see if she would sell her lot to them, but this was not a first choice. Chuck asked the Lewis' to wait for a few weeks time while the Board find out what new information can be gotten from Joe Strzegowski. It was noted that several people had been asked for information regarding how to proceed with requests for gravesite availability. Mr. Lewis offered to replace the entryway fence and parts of the stone wall at their own expense. Marcia asked if there was CPA money that was used to fix some of the stone walls already. There was no new information on this but the CPC would be asked for an update.

7:30 Diane Poland

Diane noted that she was going to ask the Board to sign paperwork for the Small Communities grant, but after all the work was done and documents prepared, it was explained that the Meerbergen was not interested in selling his land, which meant that this project was no longer viable.

Diane noted that Lee Whitcomb reported that 44% of land in Town was either preserved or protected.

The subject of the Ferrack house was raised as a possible purchase for parking. It could yield 20 parking spaces. Tom will continue to negotiate for this land.

meeting items

- No warrant was signed.
- The minutes for 5/23/11 were not approved as it had been determined previously that meeting attendees will be asked to review and comment on sections that pertained to them only. They would be given two (2) weeks to respond, at which point the meeting minutes could be approved.
- The Board reviewed Grant Ingle's requests to ask the state to repaint the crosswalks at the Library and to have the sidewalks swept in Town. Chuck will ask Bob to address these issues. The Parks, Recreation & Trails Committee will be asked to paint the chain-link fence at the memorial common.
- Chuck wanted to ask Bob Baker for an appointment to discuss his long range plans for continued work and/or retirement. Tom will arrange a meeting.
- John spoke about the necessity to create a new form to that can be given to all contributors to the Annual Report that will help standardize all section of the Annual Report. Tom will develop a draft.
- John also spoke about his conversation with Mike Haley. He said that Mr. Haley had agreed to film a promotional video to advertise the Festival of the Hills. He also noted that the name given to the sesquicentennial on cable had the wrong name. The Board decided to change name to 250th anniversary celebration.
- Board had a site visit the view the ball field fence outside of Ed Lareau's house. The Board approved use of the Germain Athletic Fund but wanted to wait for Ed's research into costs before submitting for payment from this fund.
- Chuck suggested that there should be a separate Planning Board that meets at a separate time from the Selectboard. While he did not feel that this was convenient, he felt that this was best for both Boards and the Town. The other members agreed.

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Mail and Other Items

- Mail items were reviewed.

9:55 PM Motion to adjourn meeting was made by John, seconded by Jim, all in favor.