

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
MINUTES
November 7, 2011

Meeting Open: The Select Board meeting was called to ordered at 7:00 PM

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

Others present: Tom Spiro

Appointments

7:00 Brian Kuzmeskus

Brian noted that he and his wife had discussed the proposed solution regarding the drainage issue at his land. He was happy with the previous discussion involving concessions made by his neighbor, John Pekarski, but wanted to make certain of various logistical aspects of any installed system meant to lower the level of the water. Chuck confirmed that it would drain the water to an agreed-upon level and would be maintained by the Town. He also noted that Town counsel would be consulted for an agreement that would be signed by all parties. Tom will contact Town counsel for this purpose.

7:30 Nelson Shifflet, Sue Bridge – fuel assistance

Sue noted that there were about a dozen families in Conway that had been served with regard to fuel assistance by funds donated by the Town to Community Action in Greenfield. Nelson and Sue noted that if money donated by the Town runs low or is depleted, the Town may not know unless they ask for this information. Sue suggested that Community Action be asked to report as things progress and to be informed when funds run out. Tom suggested that this should be part of the yearly budget as a line item but this was not favored. It was also suggested that the Guilford Trust Fund or other similar fund be used to finance this cause. The Board agreed that the Guildford Fund would be a good source and would ask Town Counsel for confirmation. Nelson said that the Board could donate \$10,000 for now with the possibility of more at a later time in the heating season.

Meeting items

- The Board discussed the invoice from Northern Construction Services for work on the new retaining wall on the South River that replaced the geo-cell retaining wall. The enclosed documentation was reviewed and payment was authorized.
- A report was given to the Board describing damaged infrastructure at the Transfer Station. The report stated that Town snowplows had knocked a storage shed off of its foundation and broke the access ramp. The Board decided to wait until the Board of Health gives their own report on projected repair costs.
- Chuck noted that all Select Board members were contacted during the past week by Roy Cohen regarding plowing the discontinued road that serves as his driveway. He gave a history of what had happened with regard to maintenance of the discontinued road that serves as his driveway off of Roaring Brook Road. Chuck said that it equaled Roy asking for his driveway to be plowed for the remainder of this winter. The Board agreed that they would continue to plow the discontinued road that serves as his driveway until 4/1/12.
- Tom gave a report on 23 Boyden Road. He noted that the HRA loan will go ahead with their process since the Town had disclaimed their Tax Title lien and gave them 90 days in which to reinstate this lien in case of non-payment of taxes. It was noted that they owners may sell part of land and pay off back taxes.
- John reported that the Town received an offer from a company to install a solar array shortly after the Town voted As-of Right siting. He spoke about money savings and being proactive about alternative energy. The Energy Committee would start reviewing offers and soliciting proposals from installers.
- Chuck noted that the Planning Board should consider a long range plan about an industrial area within Town for development of clean and quiet industrial uses.
- John reported on the meeting of the coalition of Franklin County Energy Committees held on Tuesday, Nov 1.
- John reported on the inspection of the beaver pond on the Clapp property on Main Poland Road on Wednesday, Nov 2.

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Mail and Other Items

- Mail items were reviewed.

Next meeting will be 11/14/2011

9:00 PM Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Jim, seconded by John, all in favor.