

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
MINUTES
October 24, 2011

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

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

Others present: Tom Spiro

Appointments

7:00 Board of Health – Dave Chichester, Sue Bridge, Carl Nelke, Bill McLoughlin, Rick Bean.

The Selectboard went to the Town Hall to take part in the Board of Health meeting for the purpose of reviewing the available funding sources for septic repairs to private individuals. This included a review of the existing loan programs offered by the Franklin County Regional Housing and Rehabilitation Authority and the Town of Conway. It was thought that a new program could be developed that was administered by a bank so as to assess qualification responsibilities with them. Bill and Rick offer to do research on various banks that may be open to this proposal, and Tom will work on the potential funding aspect.

8:30 After Action Report – Rick Bean

Rick gave a report on official activity that occurred during the day of Tropical Storm Irene. There was anticipation of downed power lines, and opening the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). There were 14 people in attendance as the center of Town had been evacuated. John asked about a new antenna for the school building to improve communications. Rick will be looking into this, including a potential MEMA grant. Rick noted that there had been some issues with response time with emergency personnel. Rick also mentioned the Town's mandate to complete the 'narrow-banding' project administered by the State, and asked for help if necessary.

Meeting items

- The Board voted to have Chuck sign the Certificate of Completion for the Bardwells Ferry Road (BFR) Slope Failure project.
- Chuck also signed the contract for the Cultural Council with the State for money transfers due from the annual grant.
- The Board considered the appointment of an Energy Committee based on the possibility of the Town becoming certified as a Green Community. Chuck asked for clarification of what this committee would do. Tom explained that this group would be responsible for any projects related to energy alternatives or conservation measures. The new members consist of the Energy Committee are as follows: Lee Whitcomb, Wes Rowe, Rick Bean, Mike Kurkulonis, Witty Sanford, Sue Bridge, Nelson Shifflet and John O'Rourke.
- John reported that Aaron DeMaio, Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) member, had asked for money to buy a new playground structure for the Conway Grammar School grounds. Tom was asked if he could contact Town counsel regarding the ability to use trust fund money for this purpose.
- The Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) contracts renewals were discussed and Tom recommended that supplies for copying and printing were not necessary. It was agreed that the Town would continue their contract for general supplies but not the other contracts.
- Demolition costs for two properties were reported to the Board.
- There was a brief discussion about the towing and storage of a rented excavator that was driven by a Town employee and damaged in an accident.
- Tom reported that the MSBA award had been approved for \$584,000.00 but would not be available until after their next Board meeting on November 16th.
- The Board discussed a meeting on Boyden Road with John Pekarski, his sisters Estelle Yokubaitis and Helen Magee, Bob Baker, Peter Jeswald, Tom Spiro, Chuck Trombley, Jim Moore and John O'Rourke regarding the drainage issue that had been raised by his neighbor, Brian Kuzmeskus. It was agreed that a site visit would be held to hear his issues and concerns.
- John reported on progress with FEMA reimbursement and work with the FEMA representative, KC Green, regarding required paperwork.

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- The Board spoke about the response from the Clapps regarding water and beavers on Main Poland Road. After some discussion it was agreed that there would be a site visit. Tom will make this arrangement.
- Tom noted that the Town audit for FY2011 by our new auditors, Roselli, Clark & Associates, would begin on November 7th.

Mail and Other Items

- Mail items were reviewed.

Next meeting will be 10/31/2011

9:25 PM Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Jim, seconded by John, all in favor.