

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
MINUTES
September 26, 2011

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

Present: Jim Moore, John O'Rourke

Others present: Tom Spiro, Tom Romanovicz, Ken Ouimette

Appointments

none

Meeting items

- Tom explained that Bill Burnett had asked the Board to consider installing additional riprap on the river bank near the North Poland Road dry hydrant, against the recommendations of Bob Baker. Mr. Burnett noted that Potter's Excavation had recommended using this riprap. Potter's felt the extra material should be used and asked the Selectboard to review this case. The Board will arrange to meet with Nick on site and make a determination. Bob could not attend as he was on vacation.
- Tom noted that a UMass Graduate student, Eric Magazu, had asked for permission to do a term paper on the planning process in Conway. Tom suggested that the Planning Board utilize this student as an intern to categorize current documents and resources. It was agreed that the Planning Board would question this student about his qualifications and availability.
- John reported that Joe Strzegowski offered his help with regard to the Hurricane Irene cleanup. He suggested that Joe be project manager and be the main liaison with FEMA. The Board voted to appoint Joe as Project Manager to gather information and complete FEMA paperwork, and generally work with the emergency management team.
- A proposal for a Town-wide drainage project was submitted by Weston & Sampson Engineering. The review of this proposal was tabled until Bob Baker returned from vacation.
- There was discussion regarding Theresa Doherty at 117 Maple Street. The Assessor's office advised the Board that they had made a request for her to change her address from 116 to 117 Maple Street but they were meeting resistance to this request.
- John reported that Steve Stang had recommended that the flare in the easement on Roaring Brook Road be changed from two to three rods. He said this was from his original drawings, which included old records that outlined this boarder. John said he wanted to take Steve's suggestion as it would keep the road with the Town easement.
- Tom noted the recent threatened government shut-down would de-fund FEMA and put all efforts at financial recovery from Irene Storm damage at risk. However, John reported that one resident had already received FEMA reimbursement for private property damage and felt that this would not be a future problem.
- Jim noted that he felt that Pumpkin Hollow should play some part in the 250th Anniversary celebration as the original Town center. Tom noted that he could address the Anniversary committee on this issue.
- John reported on the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) applicant Briefing held on Tuesday, Sep 20, in South Deerfield
- John reported on the Franklin County Selectman's Association Meeting held on Thursday, Sep 22, in South Deerfield concerning FEMA initial Property Damage Assessments and a legislative update by State Representative Stephen Kulik.
- John reported on a meeting on Thursday, Sep 22, with Dan Lawrence, Western & Sampson, concerning the progress on the replacement of the South River Wall.
- John reported on a meeting on Friday, Sep 23, with Steve Stang, Stang & Associates, Surveyors concerning the width the easement at the intersection of Roaring Brook Road and Whately Road and the recorded historical documentation concerning the easement.
- John reported on a meeting on Monday, Sep 26, with Dan Lawrence, Western & Sampson, concerning the replacement of the culvert running under Academy Hill Road.

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Mail and Other Items

- Mail items were reviewed.

Next meeting will be 10/03/2011

8:20 PM Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Jim, seconded by John, all in favor.