

Select Board meeting minutes
September 21, 2011

Present: Select Board - Norman Russell, Paullette Leukhardt
Interim Executive Administrator - Mary Fitz-Gibbon

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes: Open meeting minutes for 09/07/11 were reviewed and approved.

South River Watershed Project

Present: Kimberly MacPhee, FRCOG Land Use and Natural Resources Program Manager
Kimberly described the scope of work for the Fluvial Geomorphic and Habitat Assessment project for the South River Watershed. The project has money for three or four designs and one final project to address erosion and habitat issues along the South River Watershed. Norm Russell asked if there will be a meeting in which the towns can participate when the final project is chosen. Kimberly said that there will be a meeting but that no time has yet been set as all previous scheduling has been altered by Tropical Storm Irene. Kimberly will keep the Select Board informed as things move forward.

State of Emergency and FEMA reimbursement

Norman Russell reported that the Town is still in a declared State-of-Emergency. The Town is in the process of gathering all the costs and other information required in order to submit project work sheets for FEMA reimbursement. It is expected that FEMA will reimburse 75% of allowable costs incurred by the Town due to Tropical Storm Irene.

FRCOG Health Services

Norman Russell reported that the Board of Health voted at its last meeting to terminate the Town's Health Services contract with Franklin Regional Council of Governments. A letter giving 60 days' notice was mailed to FRCOG earlier today.

Permit to Blast

Present: Sonam Lama, Lama property abutters

Abutters to the property at 228 Plainfield Road requested assistance from the Select Board in seeing to it that no further blasting take place on the lot in question now that the building permit for construction of a single family dwelling had expired. The letter issued by the Building Inspector further stated that all activity that could be construed as quarrying, including but not limited to, the excavation and transport of stone, cease immediately. Subsequent to the building inspector's letter abutters did receive notification of blasting to occur at that address. A number of abutters spoke of a long history of problems associated with the site which is in the middle of a residential area.

Sonam Lama, owner of the property at 228 Plainfield Road, told the Board that he had not received the Building Inspector's notification of expiration on the building permit. The Select Board reminded Sonam Lama that, absent an active building permit and/or a special permit to

conduct a quarrying operation, he may not blast or quarry on the property. Sonam Lama said he will not do so unless and until he has proper permits for such activity.

Fall Festival application

Present: Wayne Gardner, Town Hall Steward

An application for use of both floors of Town Hall for Fall Festival activities was presented. The use was approved by vote of the Select Board.

Liaison Reports

Paullette Leukardt reported that the Personnel Board expects to recommend to the Select Board a candidate or candidates for Assistant Municipal Clerk by early to mid October.

Norm Russell said the Board would like to thank Priscilla Phelps for all the wonderful work she has done preparing Select Board minutes. Mr. Russell stated that Priscilla will no longer be doing the minutes but that Board hopes to continue to see her at Board meetings often, as her knowledge of the Town and of municipal procedure is an appreciated addition to Board meetings.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.