

## **SELECT BOARD MINUTES July 6, 2009**

Present: Select Board members Bill Perlman, Tom Ulrich and Dave Deherdt  
Town Administrator, Maryellen Cranston

Meeting called to order 7:00p.m.

**Warrants** – Warrant # was signed, authorizing payment. Vendor - \$ and Payroll – \$.

**Fire Station Grant** – Also present were Doug Field and Donna Sarro. Doug and Donna have been working with Louise Neidle on a federal fire station grant for a new \$3.9 million fire station. The Board agreed that if the town receives the grant, they would support bring a \$200,000 debt exclusion to the voters for approval.

The meeting moved to the Lower Hall due to the arrival of a large number of residents.

Discussion occurred regarding the emergency meeting that occurred after the executive session and the appointments that were made during this meeting. Concern was expressed regarding John Svoboda's not being reappointed as police chief. Some residents felt this was unfair and was an embarrassment to the town. Some residents also expressed that whatever John did was in the past and it was unfair to target him. Other residents questioned why nothing was done regarding the letters that were filed about the conduct of Officer (and resident) Mike Curtis at the June 22 select board meeting.

The Board expressed that the non-appointment does not have anything to do with the executive session. The Board was trying to protect the town from liability. Dave DeHerdt agreed that the conduct of Officer Curtis was inappropriate. While it did not rise to the level of executive session, Officer Curtis would be spoken to.

At 8:35 pm the meeting moved back downstairs to the meeting room.

**Fire Issues** – Motion was made, and seconded, to approve an additional \$1070 for the upgrade of the town hall smoke alarm. Vote was unanimous.

The Board agreed to support a warrant article at the next special town meeting to reimburse the fire department's budget for \$2000 if they receive a 50-50 match grant from the state for gear.

**Computer Policy** – The Board had initial discussions regarding a town computer policy. Dave expressed that town computers should not be used for personal use. He said the supervisors should be able to check what is being done on employee computers. He said that it would be up to the Board to check supervisor computers. The Board will study the issue further and discuss it an upcoming meeting.

**Sexual Harassment Training** – The Board agreed that Maryellen should arrange with the insurance company sexual harassment training for all employees. Elected officials will be invited

to come, but not required. We will get the first training done and then determine the frequency for future trainings.

**Ford Road Property** – Bill discussed the potential purchase of property on Ford Road that may require the road to be brought up to standards. This could be an expensive undertaking. Bill received permission from the rest of the Board to talk to town counsel about the town's options.

**STRAP Grant** – Tom Poissant is looking at the possibility of applying for a STRAP grant that could be used to rebuild Ford Road as well as Bug Hill Road.

**Minutes** – Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes of June 22. Vote was unanimous. Motion was made, and seconded to approve the open meeting minutes of June 25. Vote was majority (2 yes; 1 abstain). Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the executive session minutes of June 25. Vote was unanimous. Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes of July 1 as amended. Minutes will reflect the open meeting session on July 1 and the open session on July 2.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Town Administrator