

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Date: 28 April 2008

Agenda: Treasurer's Report & Warrant Article
Warrant Article for Tax Relief
Snow Plow Contract & Road Commission Report
DSL Status
Elkin Consent Agreement
Town Moderator
Schedule Annual Report work session
Other
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Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Selectmen (TS) – Larry Wilson
Sukey Heard
Treasurer – Ray Paradis
Town Clerk – Heather K Baker
Jim Stump – Road Commission Chair
Evan Holbrook – Holbrook & Sons

Attachments: A. Warrant Article #20, dtd 28 Apr 2008

Larry called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Warrant Articles & Treasurer's Report

- Warrant #20, attachment A, accepted and approved as submitted.

Warrant Article for Tax Relief

- TS reviewed the wording of the warrant that would ask the town to approve monies from surplus to reduce taxes with Ray. They discussed where it will fall in the itemized summary sheet. Ray thinks it should fall after the revenue sharing line item identified as the proposed warrant article.

Snow Plow Contract & Road Commission Report

- Larry needs Jim's report and figures from Liz to determine the final budget for road commission. Money was removed from the Road Commission budget to cover the cost to remove snow from the Town Hall ADA access way. The cost of that service will be added into the Road Commission budget for next year.
- In discussing a future snowplow contract, Evan feels what would work for his firm is if the town would buy the salt and instead of four payment installments they would prefer five payment installments. Holbrook would like to receive the first installment in November. Jim and Evan would work out the schedule in the next contract. TS suggest the 15th of the month be the due date to coincide with the Selectmen's meeting dates.
- Jim prefers the idea of keeping the salt with the town in order to monitor the cost and usage. He feels a multi-year contract will help with the cost of the salt for the

- service provider. If the salt was removed from the contract then Jim would require more specific monitoring of the salt usage.
- Evan believes Holbrook plowed roads in Arrowsic approximately 35 times this season. He thinks keeping the salt in the contract is reasonable.
- Jim recommends a three year contract that includes the cost of the salt. Evan agreed.
- Larry would like a consensus on the contract amount by Wednesday to be able to add it to the warrant article in time for town meeting. This year's contract was \$55,000. This coming year's contract proposal is \$62,000. A three year contract will add 5% each additional year. Evan had proposed \$65,000. They elected to split the difference and include the 5% for the next two years. The final proposed contract price will be \$63,500 and it will be included in the annual report.
- The Road Commission budget will be approximately \$139,000. Jim will e-mail the Selectmen a copy of the contract and arrange to meet for signatures.

DSL Status

- Pioneer has Arrowsic on its schedule for this summer. They are trying to get a contract signed to get into the box. Pioneer and Fairpoint are working to become partners.

Elkin Consent Agreement

- TS signed the agreement, Heather notarized the agreement and she will mail it back to Hopkinson & Abbondanza for recording at the Registry of Deeds.

Town Moderator

- TS will ask Peter Goodwin to act as Town Moderator at the annual town meeting on June 11th.

Schedule Annual Report Work Session

- Larry and Sukey will meet Weds. at 10AM to finalize the annual report including the warrant.

Other

- Ts have received a notice from Jon Hentz of Georgetown advising them of a letter that the Georgetown Selectmen are planning to send to the State concerning the condition of the Wilder Bridge (bridge connecting Arrowsic to Woolwich). They asked Arrowsic to write a similar letter to the State.
- Water Sample. The Town Hall water sample has come back negative for coli form and E-Coli due to periodic flushing of the system over the last three weeks.
- Fire Dept. Buildings. TS will have further discussions with the Fire Department with regard to the condition of the existing fire barn on Rte. 127. The consensus was that it was premature to put an article on the warrant for this year's Town Meeting since no definite plan with costs has been developed.

Mail

- Ratio Declaration and Reimbursement Application – Larry signed and Sukey will mail.
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- Letter form MMA offering supplemental insurance for firefighters. Sukey will ask Chris about it.

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes for 14 April approved as amended.

Larry adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather K. Baker

Heather K. Baker, Town Clerk