

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 27, 1999

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Selectperson Clay at 7 PM.

PRESENT

Susan Clay-Chairperson
Lois Briere-Selectman
Gordon Carlstrom-Selectman
Burton Reynolds-Town Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

After the 1996 flood, a grant submission was made to FEMA on 3/97 to improve the wall separating the river from the library. A grant was approved for \$8,350. To spend the grant money requires a public hearing. The Trustees are now ready for the work to be done so this hearing was held. Tim Cady explained the project. There were no public objections.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paula Bellemore noted that due to some bushes at the intersection of Old Coach & Rt. 13, one has to pull out into Rt 13 too far. Are these on private property or on State right of way? Will discuss with police, landowner, and then highway.

APPOINTMENTS

Lee Murray Road Agent

- 1) Per RSA 91-A:3a non-public session Motion Gordon, 2nd Lois, Susan also in favor. Session lasted from 7:15 to 7:20 PM.
- 2) A draft letter was prepared for the "driveway" situations discussed the previous week. Lee will help Burton draft specifics to each letter so our exact problem is stated. Also, may want to send different letters to those where no plowing issue exists.
- 3) The curb cuts for the Chaucey subdivision were discussed in preparation for the 8 PM meeting with the engineers for the Chaucey project. Lee prefers use of the Class VI road. Would require grubbing, some culverts, and gravel for about 160 ft.
- 4) New Road Name Change procedures were discussed. Lee was not aware of any road naming committee. The RSA's say that authority rests with the Board. A letter will go to the Fire Wards outlining the process for road name changes to take place. The public has the right to ask for them. But due to the work involved and the history behind some names, optional name changes are not to be encouraged. The Fire Wards need to review for 911 type criteria and write the Selectmen with their comments. The Board then must decide whether or not to grant. Implementation will be up to the Fire Wards. Changes will only be effective when the Fire Wards say so. This must be at least once per year.

Chaucey Development

- 1) Blake Anderson from Sanford Engineering was in to seek Board guidance on whether or not they would approve use of the Class VI road into the development. A sample Class VI road release form was presented that looked to be acceptable. Given the previous conversation with the Road Agent, based on a motion by Lois, 2nd Gordon, all voted to support a one curb cut driveway option and to approve the use of the Class VI road subject to the provisions outlined by the Road Agent.

MINUTES

Minutes of 9/20/99 were approved but with amendments.

OLD BUSINESS

Planning

- 1) Lois went to the second "Law Lecture Series" for this year entitled "You've Bought It" that speaks to the issue of "taking" of property by a government entity. A booklet was shown to the Board and will be kept on file for reference.
- 2) Referring to the Gravel Hearing the next night for Kris Stuart, get clear what "local hauling" means on Bunker Hill Rd.
- 3) Lois attended a recent Planning Board hearing on the Master Plan and was pleased the public was allowed to comment after initial indications were there would be limited public input allowed.
- 4) The newly combined ZBA, Selectmen, and Planning Board hearings for gravel permits need better procedural guidelines. Burton should coordinate with Planning on this.

Road Name Changes

See above

Plowing of "Driveways"

See above

John Winslow

A letter responding to one from Counsel was approved. It asks that she review all options

Cemetery Budget

A letter to Maureen Mansfield was approved. It asks that she meet with the Town Administrator to review her budget needs for the cemetery. This has not happened in the past. The Town spends \$18,000 on cemetery maintenance. The new process will allow for a better understanding of what those funds go for.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Forest Stewardship letters were sent to all property owners who have land in "current use". The law will require by April 2000 that a more formal plan be in place to receive the highest discount for forest management. All owners were sent the letter in case they had forest land and want to place it in the program.
- 2) CIP input for the Board of Selectmen is limited at this point. May want some rehab money for the Town Hall but need to see what happens with the Whipple Barn first. Will look at a CRF for general land or building purchases.
- 3) Fuel prices are going up. Last year for the budget, .70/gal was used. The Board wants to use .90/gal for 2000.

- 4) A letter from Mr. Bentley on how we handle Hazardous Waste Day was forwarded to the Solid Waste Committee for comment. Concern was expressed over promotion of certain brands of products at these days, and that some of the literature may express opinions rather than facts.
- 5) Portsmouth has asked us to provide some basic assessment information – probably to be used in their case questioning the school funding option chosen by the Legislature. The Board approved providing the info if it was not going to be time consuming to do so.
- 6) The Health Ins. Rate increase for 2000 is 5%, which everyone felt was modest.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lois Briere, 2nd by Gordon Carlstrom at 9:05 PM
All in favor.

Burton Reynolds
Town Administrator