

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Grange Hall  
October 2, 2013  
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: M. Walter; E. Lyman; J. Blaschik

Also Present: E. Blaschik; S. Borden; C. Brownell; M. Cooley; D. Denette; T. Gelston; M. Pear; R. Smith; E. Weill; S. Wheeler

1. First Selectman Walter called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Walter stated that he would like to move Agenda Item 8A – Sale of 1986 Seagrave Pumper Fire Apparatus up to follow Item 4 – Correspondence. Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous aye.

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 18, 2013.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2013 as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: Mr. Walter reported that he had attended a recent CCM Trade Show where he had learned about the "SeeClickFix" app that allows citizens to notify town departments of items that needed to be repaired and/or investigated via their cell phone. He circulated a brochure on the app and noted that there is a \$5,000.00 set-up cost and an annual fee of \$2,000.00 for the service. There was a brief discussion about the pros and cons of the tool.

8A. New Business – Sale of 1986 Seagrave Pumper Fire Apparatus: Mr. Walter introduced Fire Commissioner Pear who reported that the Fire Department had negotiated a swap with the Willimantic Fire School for the 1986 Seagrave Pumper Fire Truck and 10 Fire One training sessions. Commissioner Pear advised that the 10 training sessions are valued at \$7,000.00. In response to a question from the Selectmen, Mr. Cooley advised that the fire truck needs approximately \$10,000.00 in repairs to be operational and its estimated value is \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. He further advised that since they could shift several of the existing trucks around, no coverage would be lost.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to authorize the Board of Fire Commissioners to trade the 1986 Seagrave Pumper for 10 Fire One training sessions with the Willimantic Fire School valued at approximately \$7,000.00. Unanimous aye.

5. First Selectmen's Report:

A. Mill Road/Hungerford Intersection: Mr. Walter introduced Mr. Brownell who stated he would like to have the forks from Mill Road onto Hungerford Road changed to a T-intersection to control traffic speed. He noted he had brought the issue before the Planning & Zoning Commission in the past but it was never resolved. Mr. Walter advised that the issue has been discussed; however, was tabled due to budgetary constraints. It was noted that development in the area had increased traffic and Mr. Walter stated he would include the request back into the next budget discussion.

B. Wocl Road: Mr. Brownell advised that a resident had paved Wocl Road without permission. He noted that the road had previously been a dirt road that the town had stopped maintaining

and the residents of the area had used it as a hiking path. Mr. Brownell felt the paving job was not done properly and, consequently, the road washes out in a strong rain storm. He further noted that the resident's house is up for sale and any potential purchaser should be aware that the paved road is not part of the property's driveway. Mr. Walter stated he would research next steps on the issue.

C. Warner Cemetery: Mr. Brownell advised that the right-of-way to the Warner Cemetery is impassable. Mr. Walter stated that he would arrange to have the right-of-way reopened so that the Town can maintain the grounds and notify the Landmark Society of same. There was a general discussion regarding securing additional property for a Town cemetery. Mr. Walter asked Mr. Brownell to research the issue and submit a proposal to the Town. Mr. Brownell requested the Town add a third member to the Cemetery Committee and Ms. Denette volunteered. Mr. Walter noted that there will have to be a change in the ordinance to add a third member.

6. Citizen's Concerns: Mr. Gelston noted that traffic travels Mr. Parnassas Road at a high rate of speed during certain times of the day and requested the radar trailer be placed there.

Mr. Smith inquired about adding speed humps on Boardman Road and Mr. Walter noted that the State discourages municipalities from installing speed humps. In response to a question from Mr. Smith, Mr. Walter confirmed that the local trash haulers are being paid to take their loads to the Willimantic Transfer Station and noted that the Town would incur the fees one way or another.

#### 7. Unfinished Business

A. Tax and Business Incentive Program Application: There was no update on this agenda item.

B. Transfer Station Update/Transfer Station Committee: Mr. Walter reported that Public Works Administrator Lunt had received three quotes for the hopper repair and he expects to receive a recommendation from her in the next few days. The Selectmen agreed to call a Special Meeting to act on her recommendation.

#### 8. New Business

A. Sale of 1986 Seagrave Pumper Fire Apparatus: This item was discussed earlier in the meeting and is reported on in the above minutes.

B. Bid Award – Skateboard Park CCTV: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of an email in their meeting packets from Facilities Director Mansfield, dated, October 2, 2013, recommending a vendor for this project.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to award the bid for the Skateboard Park CCTV to M & S Audio, Inc. in the amount of \$6,340.00 which includes the additional cost for the lift. Unanimous aye.

C. Tax Refunds: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to sixteen tax refunds.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to award tax refunds in the amounts presented.

- \$ 4.94 to Henry Monterose

- \$ 22.62 to Kathleen M. Monterose
  - \$ 41.10 to Randy or Terry Bellucci
  - \$302.29 to Allegra Enterprises, Inc.
  - \$ 70.75 to Kathleen Willey
  - \$ 54.10 to Sharon R. Wheeler
  - \$ 45.26 to Halina and Wladyslaw Dubiel
  - \$ 45.78 to Anna or Halina Dubiel
  - \$ 36.41 to Elizabeth West Glidden
  - \$ 95.15 to The Stables at East Haddam
  - \$ 5.72 to Georgia Hutchinson
  - \$190.79 to Toyota Motor Credit Corp
  - \$887.89 to David & Claudia Skinner
  - \$ 91.56 to Judy M. Joyce
  - \$117.65 to Manar Salman
  - \$ 85.00 to Cindy L. Hanlon
- Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment: Town Clerk Denette requested the Selectmen schedule a Town Meeting to accept the Historic Preservation Grant. Mr. Walter advised he would add that item to the agenda for the October 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting.

10. Selectmen's Discussion: In response to a question from Selectman Blaschik, Mr. Walter advised that the Town is not paying for extra State Troopers.

A. Ordinance Book Review Schedule: Mr. Walter and the Selectmen reviewed several dates to meet so they can finalize the Ordinance Book review. Town Clerk Denette advised that she will ask General Code to come into provide guidance on completing the project and publishing the Ordinance book.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional regular business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Unanimous aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Emmett Lyman, Secretary