

Selectmen's Meeting

November 28, 2011 6:00 pm

Present: Selectmen: Larry Wilson, Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard

Other: Mary McDonald, Treasurer; Phine Ewing, Karen Robbins, Nancy Sferra, Betty Wilson

1. Warrant Articles and Treasurer's Report: # 10 for \$37,413.18, reviewed and approved.
2. Assessing Issues
 - a. Municipal Valuation Return: reviewed with Mary McDonald, signed and sent to State.
 - b. LD 1 Report: reviewed with Mary McDonald. It appears that we continue to be under the levy limit by approximately \$4,000. Signed by Selectmen and submitted.
 - c. Veterans Exemptions: reviewed with Mary McDonald. MM will make a spreadsheet of the data for the Municipal Valuation Report.
 - d. Supplementary Bill for 2010 to Maine Maritime Museum: discussed with Mary McDonald re non-profit status of property owner and whether liable for taxes or not.
 - e. New Labels for Trio Cards: Larry and Sukey scheduled an assessing work meeting to run new labels including all new property owners.
 - f. Kahrl Abatement Request: Judy Kahrl has requested tax abatements for Map 3, Lots 18 & 26, which was donated to The Nature Conservancy. We need a formal request and will discuss with David Weiss or Ms. Kahrl.
3. Spirit of America Award: On behalf of the organization, Larry presented an award for volunteerism to the Conservation Committee sub group members present (Phine Ewing, Karen Robbins, Nancy Sferra, Betty Wilson) for their alewife restoration project, which has drawn volunteers from throughout the town to conserve local alewife habitat and provide data for scientific study of the fishery.
4. Beaver: The members of the Conservation Committee requested that the Selectmen contact someone to remove the beaver from the inlet to Sewall Pond because it constitutes a blockage for the alewives. Once the beaver has been removed they would like to be informed so that they can break apart the dam.
5. A Bid for Harcourt Property: The Town received a written bid for the Harcourt property from Quinn and Jeremy Blaiklock. The property had been formally offered to the abutters as a way to make it conform to the zoning ordinance, but there is not presently any interest from either abutter. It is our intention to discuss the issues surrounding its non-conformity with representatives of the Planning Board and the CEO to determine under what circumstances and for what purposes it may be used by a non-abutter.

6. Web Site Minutes: Larry has reformatted the "Minutes" page on the website to make it more user-friendly. We discussed the need to keep the Selectmen's minutes up to date.
7. Properties Management Issues: Rob Schultz has contacted the Selectmen about re-roofing the Town Hall and has been gathering relevant information. The Selectmen discussed the roofing options presented but concluded that there are insufficient funds in this year's budget to go ahead with the project. Larry suggested that it is probably a large enough project to put on the warrant with its own budget for next Town Meeting.

Rob also suggested that during the time that Dick Elwell is digging for the rerouted electrical service drop at the Town Hall, it may be wise to have him dig a water line from the Fire Station to the Town Hall for future use. The Selectmen discussed and believe that there will be insufficient funds in this year's budget to accomplish that.

8. Mail
9. Adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Gaillard