

At 6:00 pm the meeting was called to order in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Greta St Germain and Annmarie Scribner and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

Board members reviewed the mail folders and the payroll and accounts payable folders.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for 05 May 2011. A correction was made to the first page. Motion was made by St Germain to approve them as amended. Scribner seconded and the vote was approved 2-0.
2. The Town received an inquiry from a resident asking if they could set up at Bulky Day and collect the small engines. The Board discussed this, and indicated that if they did it, it would save the Town money in disposal fees. They said that upon execution of an agreement, waiver of the Town's liability, and an insurance certificate, that they could do so.
3. Carlson indicated that the Hayes agreement is in place and the Board signed a deed to return the property to him as decided last week. This deed will be recorded as soon as possible.
4. Selectmen reviewed and signed the final draft of the Investment Policy. The Board would like Hunter's signature on the document so it will be done prior to copies being made and circulated.
5. Carlson indicated that a vendor had been in this week to review the basement meeting room setup for cable equipment. The Board discussed the limitations with the amount of money that is in the cable fund for equipment. It was decided that the basement meeting room would be set up, and other rooms if there was money left in the revolving fund.
6. Selectmen asked to have the Town Hall renovations plan available for review in the next few weeks to begin looking at options again.
7. Selectmen approved a correction to minutes of April 28 regarding the highway truck, which is not leaking oil as was initially recorded (incorrectly).
8. Copies of the Information Sensitivity Policy have been distributed. The Board asked for page numbers to be inserted into the final posted version on the website. A signature page was also added. Board members signed for their copies of the Policy as well.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the payroll manifest \$20,663.16 and accounts payable manifest \$40,177.52 for the current week dated 13 May 2011. Motion was made to approve the manifests by Scribner. St Germain seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.
2. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence.
3. Selectmen signed outgoing correspondence to Jeff & Barbara Schieding and to Brian Lanseigne.
4. Selectmen reviewed a proposal for design of a new website. There was discussion about hosting it in the same place we currently do, and the Board asked Carlson to contact Roger Kirk about this transition.

5. Selectmen reviewed one one-ton truck proposal submitted by the Road Agent for the Board's consideration. There was some discussion about the purchase of a backhoe as well. The Board wanted to review this further and also have some additional information from the Road Agent.
6. Selectmen reviewed and signed 2010-2011 Yield Tax levy for parcel 02-021 in the amount of \$59.97.
7. Selectmen approved the use of Town Hall on Sunday June 26 for a wedding shower.
8. Selectmen discussed removal of a hazard tree at 370 North Road. The Road Agent has declared it a hazard. A dead limb was removed today and it resulted in the trunk of the tree further deteriorating and it is currently being held together with ropes. (There was rebar and concrete in the tree, which had been attempted to hold it together over the years). The abutting homeowner had written a letter to the Town in review of the matter as well. The Board agreed that as a hazard, it should be removed.
9. At the request of Attorney Charles Tucker, Selectmen discussed return of tax-deeded property to a former owner/successor. The parcel is 03-167.004 and is the back yard of a home on Clover Court in Raymond. The Board agreed to do this for the statutory taxes, interest, and costs, which have thus far totaled just over \$5,000. A full calculation will be completed and the information forwarded to Attorney Tucker to see if his client is interested.
10. Selectmen approved an Intent to Cut for parcel 02-021 owned by Albert and Jacqueline Alix on South Road. An Intent for parcel 04-087 was reviewed but not approved as it indicates access to the property is to be done via the Town Forest off Andreski Drive. The Town Forest Ordinance does not allow for access by wheeled vehicles excepting for a handicapped permit. Carlson was asked to look further in to this and bring it back to the Board.
11. Selectmen approved a request for sound system recordings at the Town Hall in reference to historic use of the upstairs room by the Shaggs.
12. The tax lien has been done for 2011 on the 2010 tax levy. The total amount of the taxes is \$195,496.60. This is down from past years.

Matthew Thomas came in to the Board's meeting at 7:25 pm. He wanted to update the Board on the progress of the 250th Committee. They have several wonderful ideas and have a great committee of people together. They do not have a final program together as yet.

One of the final items they would like to do is rebuild the 1802 Town Pound as a permanent marker of the 250th celebration.

The first pound was built 1779 at the corner of Abbott and Sandown Roads; the second one in 1792 built near where Philbrick's house is now (next to the Meetinghouse); followed by one being built on the Meetinghouse lot in 1802.

Thomas said that after some consideration of it being placed on the Abbott/Sandown Road lot; that the Committee would like to rebuild it back at the Meetinghouse where it would be on Town property, and can be seen and visible to the public. He discussed asking the owner about getting some rocks from the Abbott Road lot.

He described how they would rebuild it. He said he would recommend 24 x 24 feet. It would be built around the existing elm tree on the left side of the Meetinghouse as you face it from Main Street, with walls perhaps four to five feet high with a wooden or metal gate.

Scribner moved to approve Thomas' request to rebuild the Town Pound on the Meetinghouse lot. St Germain seconded and the vote was approved 2-0.

He said the Committee has adopted a seal. They would like to create a Town Flag as a fundraiser. He also described some other ideas the committee has generated. This includes an antique car show, a road race, and a beauty contest to include the winner from the last celebration.

There was lengthy discussion about the Committee's preparations and the fundraising ideas for the event. The Committee is also planning to submit a petition warrant article to begin saving for the event as well.

Thomas left the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm.

Selectmen discuss the Personnel Policy Draft, including getting a copy of the Police Department's compensatory time practice. The Board discussed what employees might have for accrued vacation and compensatory time.

The Board asked for additional data on vacation and compensatory time accruals to be brought forward next week.

NEXT WEEK

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday May 19, 2011.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Scribner and seconded by St Germain to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator