

Minutes

April 1, 2013

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. Ron, Chris and Clem were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting was reviewed and accepted.

Account balances will be available at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Public Feedback:

Rick Kersbergen of Friends of Lake Winnecook was at the meeting to discuss the plans for reinstalling the flash board system that helps control the level of the lake. The system will hopefully help in lowering the phosphorus levels in the lake that occur during August and September making for a bad algae bloom. The system will raise the level of the lake approximately 2 feet.

Lynn Warman was at the meeting as a member of the Cemetery Committee. The mowing contract will be put out for bid this week with bids due in the town office by 5/3/13. Lynn provided Selectmen with updated bid specs. The committee recommends that the contract be for a 3-year term, not 1 year as in past years.

Old Business:

Town Office update: Selectmen have received bids for engineering services on the new town office. They will review the proposals and award the contract at the 4/16 meeting.

Land Use Ordinance Committee update: The Land Use Committee will meet this week to discuss what direction to take to update the Comprehensive Plan. \$20,000 was taken from surplus at the Annual Town Meeting for updating the Comp Plan. Don Newell said that the manual for CP's is clear that the committee should be a diverse group, talent, age, location, etc. His suggestion was to have the Land Use Committee become part of the Comp Plan Committee. Barry McCormick requested that the Selectmen give the Land Use Committee a week to decide how to proceed. The Committee will report to the Selectmen when they are ready to give recommendations on the formation of the Comp Plan committee.

New Business:

Rick Kersbergen was at the meeting at the request of the Selectmen concerning the fees that the attendant at Kanokolus Beach collects. There was a concern that Burnham doesn't charge for their boat launch, thereby giving boaters the option of launching their boat for no fee. Rick said that during most of the year, it's not possible to launch more than a canoe or kayak at the

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Burnham location due to the low water level. The attendant at Kanokolus Beach helps to keep the beach clean, mows, in addition to checking boats for milfoil. Last year 300 boats were inspected for milfoil.

Selectmen appointed Chris Rossignol as Chairman of the board for 2013. Clem and Ron will share General Assistant Administrator duties. Due to the division of duties, all 3 Selectmen will receive an additional \$500.00. (Chairman receives \$500.00 additional, General Assistance Administrator receives \$1000.00 additional.)

Administrative Assistant/Clerk's salary was increased by 3% at the Annual Town Meeting. Sue offered to not take the increase this year due to the possibility of not having to attend and take minutes for the Selectmen's meeting. Selectmen agreed.

Selectmen appointed the following people to committees/boards for 2013:

Charles Porter, Code Enforcement Officer

David Schofield, Deputy CEO and Plumbing Inspector

Susan Dwyer, Animal Control Officer and Health Officer

Dorothy Quimby, Budget Committee

Tony Avila, Budget Committee

Clement Blakney, UARRC Rep

Anne Sheble, UARRC Rep

Rodney McElroy, Planning Board

Robert VanDeventer, Appeals Board

Mary Kenney, Appeals Board.

There is currently a vacancy on the Budget Committee and the Appeals Board.

Lucia Murdock requested to be placed on the Planning Board if a vacancy should occur in the future.

It was suggested at the meeting that the Code Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Officer and Sexton keep detailed logs of their activity while performing town duties.

Selectmen signed the Order of Municipal Officers authorizing the Treasurer to apply all tax payments to the oldest tax balance and the order authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the nuisance law and the junkyard law.

Roadwork for 2013 was discussed. The width of Kanokolus Road was discussed and the sand and gravel that is encroaching on the cemetery lots. Selectmen will have Dennis Jones clean up the roadside along the cemetery soon.

Bob Nelson will be working on cataloging all the widths of roads in Unity. Selectmen will have him research the width of Kanokolus Road first.

Selectmen will wait until Sherry Wilson provides them with the verbatim minutes for town meeting before dealing with Farley & Son's winter roads contract. They will read the detailed minutes and decide what directive the residents gave them concerning the contract.

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Other Business: The charred remains of the house on Main Street was discussed. The Nason's were informed that the Fire Department will not be able to use it for training (burning the remains).

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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