

## **Minutes**

### **September 3, 2013**

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

#### **Public Feedback:**

Bruce Flaherty was at the meeting to discuss the 2013 Spirit of America Foundation Tribute. He would like to see the Selectmen pick a local person, project or group to receive the 2013 Unity Spirit of America Foundation Tribute for outstanding community service. Selectmen chose Dennis Turner Sr., for his years as Fire Chief, to receive the award. A Municipal Resolution will be drafted for this award.

Minutes from previous meetings were reviewed and accepted.

Account balances were reviewed. Tax payments are coming in. The checkbook balance is good now, but there are a lot of large payments due in the near future.

#### **Old Business:**

Town Office Update: The asbestos abatement in the old high school has begun. The demolition will take place in the next 2 weeks.

Land Use Ordinance Committee update: None

Comprehensive Plan Committee update: None

Road Work Discussion: Selectmen set a date for the next Special Town Meeting to present a plan for the \$100,000 for Summer Roads Maintenance. The meeting will be held September 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Firehouse. No informational meeting will be held prior to the Special Town Meeting. Selectmen signed the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting and will work on a written plan to hand out prior to the meeting.

There has been extensive ditching done on some of the town roads. The outcome of the Special Town Meeting will determine what else is done this summer for maintenance and paving.

#### **New Business:**

Jerry Sullivan was at the meeting to discuss renewal of his contract that expires January 31, 2014. The current contract states that *“The contract will start February 1, 2009 and it will have an option to renew for an additional five (5) years if agreeable between the parties.”* Jerry is willing to extend the contract for the additional 5 years at the same rate as 2013 which is \$39,505.36 for Refuse pick-up (paid through trash stickers and dumpsters) and \$9116.62 for recyclable pick-up, which includes the addendum: *If the cost of fuel rises above \$3.50 per gallon, the town will pay the difference in fuel cost required to perform the contract.* Jerry would like the option to renew the contract past the 5 year extension if agreeable between the parties and have the option for an extension made part of the new 2014-2019 contract.

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Selectmen agreed to the 5 year extension of the contract with the same rate as 2013 and the extension option clause.

Selectmen discussed the removal of the debris from the old high school with Jerry Sullivan. He has already set dumpsters for the debris. The Town will only need to pay for the tipping fee (\$95.00 per ton), and not the rental of the dumpsters. The waste will be hauled to Pine Tree Waste in Hampden. He assured the Selectmen that there would be ample dumpsters and trucking to accommodate the actual demolition debris when the building is completely demolished.

Selectmen signed the Liquor License application for MOFGA for the 3 days of the Common Ground Fair. It is for tastings at educational talks during the fair.

Selectmen agreed to participate in the Hazardous Household Waste collection day in Pittsfield again this year with a spending cap of \$500 for the town.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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