

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 24, 2013, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Conservation Commissioners Mike Zahner, Bob Popp, Brett Engstrom, and Ed Jalbert

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin.

Conservation Commission: The Commission would like to reopen the lines of communication with the Selectboard. They were taken by surprise recently when work was done in the river adjacent to the covered bridge. Bob Popp will check Selectboard agendas and will check in with the other Boards in town.

They asked permission to use some of their funds to print more of the natural history booklets. The books have been very well received. The Commission spent \$518 of their funds and a \$500 grant for the original printing, and they have collected a little over \$700 through sales.

Bob Popp asked the Selectboard the status of a designated fund for the Stranahan Town Forest. Chris noted that the Selectboard and Stranahan Stewardship Committee discussed it but did not make a final decision. Bobbi noted that the time to set up a designated fund is in December, because the 2013 budget is already set. The budget includes \$2,300 in income and \$2,000 in expenses. John noted that part of the \$2,000 will be used to pay for material used during the recent culvert replacement. The labor was paid for by the Washington County Snow Machine Club. Bob Popp asked how to move forward with setting up the dedicated fund. Bobbi suggested that the request should come through the Stewardship Committee. Chris suggested having a percentage go into a fund, until the fund reaches a certain level. Ed stated that he thinks a percentage is fair and the Stewardship Committee has had discussions about it but they have not made a formal decision about what to recommend. He will bring it up to the Committee.

Town Meeting: The Selectboard approved the Warning. They agreed to put the tar sands article on the warning, but instructed Bobbi to put it at the end of the meeting, after the regular town business.

Cree Farm Road: Mrs. Mucherino called Chris to ask why the discontinuance is being reopened. She thought the issue was closed because Mr. Datner did not provide the required information in time.

Grader: The Board approved the purchase of a new John Deere grader from Nortrax, for the price of \$188,000 after trade-in. The price includes a factory warranty of one 1 year and an extended warranty of 6 more years.

Tax Anticipation Note: The Board executed a tax anticipation note with Peoples United Bank in the amount of \$293,000.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes from December 4, December 18, and January 8. They signed the certificate of highway mileage, with no changes from last year's totals.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the January 24, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
