

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 18, 2012, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Energy Committee Member John Morris; Road Foreman Dan Tetreault; Visitors Nicko Rubin, Joe Mangan, Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette); Rich Phillips (via speakerphone)

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

Sidewalks: Bobbi has received a request for crosswalks in the Village. She contacted VTrans and they sent the guidelines. VTrans requires the requester to look at the guidelines and if we feel that the location meets the guidelines, they will do an engineering study.

Front Porch Forum: Chris and Liza Earle spoke with the Plainfield Selectboard about Front Porch Forum. They don't have money in their budget for this but they are open to the suggestion of having local businesses contribute to come up with the \$1,500 needed to set it up. The Board discussed different ways to help Plainfield sign up at the same time, to save \$1,000 for the Town.

Cemeteries: For the Eaton Cemetery, Nicko went to the nursery and flagged 10 sugar maples and 6 Freemanii maples. Thirteen or fourteen trees will be planted at the Eaton Cemetery, and two or three will be planted at the Covered Bridge Park. The Freemanii maples are growing in the ground and they need to be dug mid to late October. He suggested planting all of the trees at the same time. They discussed how to haul and wrap the trees. They will target the 22nd of October to plant the trees. Nicko will dig the holes a few days before. The Town loader with the forks will be used to unload the trees.

The wall project at the Wooster Cemetery is complete. Joe Mangan will seed and mulch the area.

Ball Field: The field at the Old Schoolhouse Common has been rototilled, rolled, seeded and mulched.

Fuel Bids:	Dead River	Gillespie
Diesel floating	3.6194	3.7925 (less 10¢ if both are awarded)
Diesel fixed	3.7933	no bid
#2 Heating floating	3.5505	3.6540 (less 10¢ if both are awarded)
#2 Heating fixed	3.5733	no bid
Propane floating		1.70
Propane fixed		no bid

Chris moved to buy the heating oil with a fixed price and the diesel with a floating price, both from Dead River, and the propane from Gillespie. Helen seconded – all in favor.

Uniforms: Dan notified the Board that Unifirst is increasing their prices again. They did not provide the shirts that they were supposed to. Dan will check around to get prices from other companies.

Solar Project Bids:

Solartech

1. 11.5 kW pole mount (13,000 kWh/year) \$62,000 less rebate \$24,780 net \$37,220
2. 17.6 kW 3 tracker system (24,696 kWh/year) \$97,020 less rebate \$33,960 net \$63,060

Solar Gain LLC

1. 10 kW (12,000 kWh) pole mounted system \$62,500 less rebate \$22,500 net \$40,000
2. 20 kW (24,000 kWh) pole mounted system \$120,000 less rebate \$36,450 net \$83,550

The Board noted that both systems have warranties on parts and labor, on the inverters, and on power output. The Board phoned Rich Phillips to discuss the two bids. Bobbi will scan and email the proposals to Rich and others.

Special Meetings: The Board will hold a special meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Old Schoolhouse Common to discuss the proposals. The Board discussed various options for financing the project. They will decide by Thursday whether or not to have the vote by Australian Ballot or at an open meeting.

Town Plan: John moved to adopt the revised Town Plan. Helen seconded – all in favor.

Personnel Policy: Helen moved to adopt the revised personnel policy including changes suggested by the Library Trustees. John seconded – all in favor.

Radios: The Selectboard approved the purchase of narrow-band radios for the Town Clerk's Office and Fire Station. The current radios will no longer work after this year.

Stranahan Town Forest: The Board discussed the need to develop a policy regarding funds generated by Town properties, including the Stranahan Town Forest and the Covered Bridge properties.

Fuel Tank: The Board approved the purchase of a used fuel tank from Ducharme Lumber. This will be safer than carrying fuel cans to refill the excavator, grader, etc. away from the shop.

OSC Flooring: Chris provided an estimate for new carpet in the library. The cost for materials only will be \$2,714.85. Chris will donate the labor. John moved to approve the purchase, with half to be paid for out of the Old Schoolhouse Common budget and half to be paid for out of the Library budget.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes of the September 4, 2012 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the September 18, 2012 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
