

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, June 4, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Helen Ducharme; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Road Foreman Dan Tetreault; Firefighters Tim Maclay, Tim Morris and Will Schwartz; Visitors: Joe Mangan, Arthur Gilman, Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

At 6:10 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair John Warshow.

**Cemeteries:** Joe Mangan mentioned that three limbs came down and toppled a stone in Eaton Cemetery. Dennis Beaudin has fixed the stone. There are a few other stones that need to be fixed. There are 6-10 in Wooster Cemetery. Joe has cut up some down trees but there are more that need to be cut up. The Selectboard gave him permission to hire some extra help to move brush out to a spot where the road crew can chip it. The road crew will pick up the larger pieces of wood with the excavator.

Chris checked the price of lime and he feels that palletized lime is the best product to use. The cost would be \$325 per ton, and we would need 1½ tons for Eaton Cemetery. Ronald has a tow-behind spreader, and so does Plainfield that we might be able to borrow. The Board decided to go ahead with the lime.

Joe talked to the Board about adding shrubs to the cemetery next year. He will get a price list and the Board will put an order together this fall, to be purchased next spring.

At Dwinell Cemetery, the dirt is sinking along the rock wall. Dan will add material when they are working in the area.

**Roads:** Dan regraded Beaver Meadow Road at the intersection with Hollister Hill Road.

He updated the Board on the storm damage. He has been cutting up downed trees and brush for several days. They have pushed the trees off the roads to let cars through. They are going to continue cutting trees that are an imminent threat because they are leaning over the town roads. They are chipping the brush and leaving the wood for the landowners.

The Board discussed what to do with the body wood if the landowner doesn't want it. The wood will become an issue for the snow plows this winter. Chris asked whether it would be worth getting a thumb for our excavator. They could also rent an excavator with a thumb, or hire someone with a 10-wheeler with a loader. Bobbi will advertise to let people know that if they want the wood, it needs to be out of the right-of-way by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Executive Session:** At 7:40 Helen moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Chris seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open session at 7:35.

**Village:** Arthur Gilman thanked Dan Tetreault for temporarily fixing a manhole on Route 2. He explained that the triangle at the intersection of Gilman Street and School Street is Town property. If

the Town takes down the tree that is falling down, he will donate some lilacs or shrubs to make the island look better. Bobbi checked the boundary of the Wastewater Treatment Facility and it appears that the pine trees closest to the buildings are on Village property. Arthur agreed and stated that the Village will contract to have one of the trees removed. The Village is mapping and videotaping their collection system and the Board gave them permission to drive a truck across the horseshoe area of the lawn to get closer to a manhole with the camera.

**Insurance:** The Town’s insurance company did a recent inspection at the Town Garage and Old Schoolhouse Common. They sent a report with deficiencies that they saw. Ernie Penley (Building Superintendent) and Dan Tetreault will correct the deficiencies.

**Trash Complaint:** The Board drafted a letter to Dwight Duke and also to his tenant, regarding the trash and abandoned cars at the SASS Avenue property.

**Bridge Painting:** The Board received two bids last year for painting bridges. The bids were from Catamount Environmental at \$48,493 and Morvan Painting Corporation at \$101,014. The Town received a grant under the Town Highway Structures Program, for 90% of the cost. John moved to accept the Catamount bid; Helen seconded. All in favor.

**Fire Department:** The Fire Department has 16 pine logs from trees that came down on the Fire Station lot. Helen will look at the logs to see if they are worth selling. Tim Morris suggested that the Town should install a transfer switch at the Old Schoolhouse Common so that we could have a portable generator brought in, in case the building was needed for an emergency shelter. Those present discussed emergency plans.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes of the May 4 and May 21 meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the June 4, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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