

## SELECTMEN and ASSESSORS MEETING SUMMARY

April 15, 2015

*In attendance:* Selectmen – Wesley Daniel, Duane Vigue, and Berkley Linscott; Clerk/Treasurer – Ann Dean; Public: Liz Casey, Mei-Ling Cheung, Kathleen Ocean, Steve Ocean

Wes called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Duane moved to accept the summary from 4/8/2015 as written, Berkley seconded, all in favor.

Duane moved to accept the warrants as written \$3,547.00/payroll and \$3,895.34/vender, Wes seconded, all in favor. Warrants read, approved, and signed. Bank balance operating account \$99,061.66/sweep account \$339,584.84.

Public Works Report – Duane reported that last week the public works crew, after getting the chipper ready, chipped brush on Hopkin's road, worked on the plow P300, and plowed last Thursday (4/9).

CEO Report – None

Bill Lane regarding the Vanner Brook Culvert - Bill is almost done with the RFP's. He needed a gravel sample to make sure the gravel/material in the pit meet the specifications for a culvert, which would save quite a bit of money. The analysis report should be ready by Friday (4/17). Berkley asked who owned Vanner Road. Wes and Duane stated the town did. Berkley said he checked the registry of deeds and it doesn't show who owns the road but said it was moved over in 1962. Berkley doesn't know who owns it. Wes has the permit for this project.

Meeting with the Scholarship Committee - The Selectmen will set up a meeting with the Scholarship Committee to go over Dorothy's concerns brought up at a previous meeting. Ann will call Mildred and Duane will speak with Dorothy before a date is scheduled. This issue is tabled until after discussions with said people.

2015 Knox County Public Works Safety Day will be held on Tuesday, May 12, at the Union Municipal Complex from 8:30am – 3pm. Wes and 3 people from Public Works Department will be attending. It was discussed and agreed that lunch will be reimbursed for this conference.

Fire Department Propose mock fire training - Wes explained the fire department would like to put a propane tank across the street from the fire department. 25' from the woods and 60' from the road there would be tailings, cement pad with a propane tank with a pipe through it. The tank, itself, would never have propane in it. During training the pipe on the side of the tank would be fed propane from temporary propane tanks to cause a 'fire tree' so the firemen would learn how to put out this particular type of fire. The line and temporary tanks are portable and would only be set up during training. Duane brought up some safety issues. With much discussion Duane and Berkley agreed that it would be a good idea for the firefighters to have this set up for training.

Complaint from citizen that the dump is polluting brook – Charles Vanner complained that the town dump is polluting the brook. He had this complaint 6 years ago and DEP deemed it clean. DEP has been continually monitoring the town dump. The Selectmen decided to send a letter to Charles Vanner to explain how to make a formal complaint. Selectmen will call DEP to check the brook for pollution.

Youngs Hill Culvert – Wes will contact DOT, bridge department as it may be classified as a bridge. If the span is more than 10 feet from one culvert to another the state is responsible.

Paving bids – Duane stated that Ann will send out the bid applications tomorrow. The new due date is June 16<sup>th</sup>; review date will be at the June 17 meeting.

### Public Comments and Questions

Steve Ocean asked if the proposed propane tank will be in the way of kids playing ball. Duane said that it would not be as it would be way off to the side.

Kathleen Ocean asked if the propane tank needs a permit. Wes said no.

Wes stated that he will be having surgery on his knee June 9.

Mei-Ling said she would not be able to attend the next meeting and wondered if she would still be considered for the solar committee. Duane said that she would seriously be considered.

Liz asked for a quick synopsis of what came of the special town meeting. Duane explained that the 180 day moratorium was voted on and approved. The committee chosen would be charged with the task of making an ordinance. Ann stated that she spoke with the person that set up Solar Powering Your Community conference who said she would be willing to work with any committee that may need help setting up this ordinance for commercial solar.

Liz asked if the ordinance that was put in place years ago regarding urban vs commercial would have to be changed for the solar ordinance. Duane stated that he thought the committee should prepare a standalone ordinance. A gentleman that has shown interest in being part of the committee is well versed in writing ordinances and knows the rules/regulations of municipalities. The committee can also touch base with other states about their ordinances on solar farm installation. The ordinance will go to public hearing when completed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson