

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – August 20, 2012

Present: Margo Connors, Richard Bielefield, John Strasser
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Douglas Glover, Michael Leslie, Lissa Boissonneault, Chief Allan Clark

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

LISSA BOISSONNEAULT asked the Select Board if political signs were allowed on the island at the intersection of South road and Easton. It was determined that this is Town property and as such the political signs are not allowed and will be removed.

The Board noted that Fairpoint has a sign up letting residents know that DSL is now available and to contact them directly.

The Select Board reviewed Mr. Trumbull's response to the Regen's asking for additional information in regard to an abatement settlement.

Ms. Gaudette notified the board that a money market account will provide a higher interest rate than the current CDARS program that has been used in the past.

The Select Board signed an assessing letter to residents for the next 1/3rd of town that will be reviewed this year.

The Select Board approved a Veteran Exemption for Henry Zukowski. Map 218, Lot 14.

ROAD AGENT GLOVER met with the Select Board to extend a conditional offer of employment to Michael Leslie. Mr. Leslie will begin on Monday, August 27, 2012.

MR. GLOVER and the board reviewed the Crane Hill bridge report as submitted by H.E. Bergeron. The board would like to meet next week with Mr. Glover, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Fournier about the report. The board received an e-mail from Grant Ruggles about the Crane Hill Bridge. Mr. Ruggles has done some maintenance to the bridge and this is something that Mr. Glover is waiting until he receives the report to spend money on. The board will respond to Mr. Ruggles and let him know that the bridge is all right for emergency vehicles at this time and to let him know that he is welcome to attend next Monday's meeting when the bridge will be discussed.

Mr. Glover updated the board on road work and he possibility that he will be grinding Blake Road this year and paving next.

The Select Board approved the use of the Crapo Building for a quilting workshop by Kathleen Jablonski on September 22 and 23.

The Select Board approved the use of the Crapo Building and the Meetinghouse for the Autumn Celebration from September 28 – October 1, 2012.

The board discussed a letter from Nancy Henderson noting that she doesn't believe that the recent noise complaints originated at Sunset Hill House. Ms. Henderson noted there are several other venues and places in Town where it could have come from. They identified dates when they did have fireworks and that they were completed prior to the 10:00 PM curfew.

The Cemetery Trustees have met and made several decisions that they wanted the board to be aware off. Luther Kinney will be removing a tree on Town property next to his property line.

The Trustee noted that he will have someone with insurance remove the tree. They will be concentrating on sprucing up the Streeter Cemetery and several trees will be cut and Mr. Hanks will start on cleaning stones. Mr. Carbonneau will also be replacing some fencing sections in the Sunnyside Cemetery. The Trustees have asked Road Agent Glover for a load of blue stone to repair some of the roads in the Cemetery.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of August 13, 2012, 2012 seconded by MS. CONNORS, the motion was approved unanimously.

The board traveled to the Sugar Hill Fire Station at 6:15 PM to meet with with CHIEF ALLAN CLARK. Chief Clark updated the board on the department which currently has 20 active members. Chief Clark and Captain Johnk traveled to Baltimore for training and they paid for their own flight and hotel costs. The department will host an Open House on October 13 as part of Fire Prevention Week. The department is updating 911 signs and working on three dry hydrants. Once the new truck is in service the ISO Insurance Protection Class will upgrade.

Chief Clark reviewed the current budget which he believes will come in under. The department shut down the boiler from April 15 to October 15 this year and will the additional insulation there should be oil savings. Chief Clark noted that he would like the firefighters to receive an increase in pay as it has been 7 years since the last increase.

The new engine is expected to be delivered September 5th. Chief Clark and Deputy Chief Glover traveled to Florida last week to inspect the truck prior to it being shipped. Once the truck arrives there will be mandatory training for drivers and operators. Chief Clark would like to keep Engine 3 until such time as repairs are made to Old Engine 1. Engine one has a 1997 cab/chassis with a 35 year old body which is starting to show some rust. Chief Clark would like to make the repairs now from the Capital Reserve Fund and he feels it will give the truck 10 more years of life. The Rescue Truck will have much of its equipment moved onto the new engine. This will allow for reconfiguration and a sliding tray to be inserted into the truck for easy access from both sides. In addition they will add a telescoping roof mounted scene light that will vastly improve the safety of the firemen when on calls along the roadway. These funds will also come from the Capital Reserve fund.

The roof and insulation work is currently under way with completion next Wednesday. Lighting will be upgraded at this time and a new ceiling put up in the meeting room and office area. In addition they have cut trees around the back of the building and will be grading the perimeter so that it can drain properly. These funds are all in the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund. The building was put up in 1975 so that maintenance is overdue.

Chief Clark is now a Certified Fire Inspector. Chief Clark noted that is the Homestead changes hands it will be upgrades and an alarm system. Chief Clark questioned the building that someone is living in at 990 Blake Road. There is only a permit for a shed not a dwelling; Chief Clark will send the board a letter. Chief Clark will also meet with Dennis & Kathie Cote in regard to the electrical service fire and an inadequate service.

With no more business and no appointments before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MS. CONNORS the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday, August 27, 2012 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
Administrative Assistant

