

SELECTBOARD MEETING
January 28, 2010

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| Present: | John Quinn David Tilton Bob Bancroft | Nanette Rogers Charlotte Vincent Gary Estus |
| Guests: | Michele Boomhower | David Gauthier |

The meeting was called to order by John Quinn at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Gauthier was present to discuss cutting of trees in the Brookside Cemetery and Osgood Hill Cemetery. The work is scheduled for February 1st. It is possible that Stoney Ridge will need to be closed to through traffic, and Osgood Hill Road may be reduced to one lane. A notice will be mailed to Stoney Ridge residents and emergency services will be notified.

CCMPO – BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

Michele Boomhower met with the Board to discuss support of the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendations on Innovative Finance and the study regarding the I-89 Exit 12B financing options. A draft resolution for the Selectboard's consideration supports the seven recommendations. Michele will gather additional information for the Board and customize the resolution for Westford. Two design options were identified for the Exit 12B project. The cost for the project ranges from \$33.4 to \$47.5 million dollars and requires matching funds. Additional potential funding options include impact fees, local option sales tax, special assessment districts and tolls.

TOWN OFFICE

Pat Haller met with the Board to discuss the ice dams on the Town Office eaves. The Town thought the recent insulation would eliminate this problem. The Board and Pat discussed a few options that may solve the problem. Pat feels expanding the gable end vents and adding more insulation may work and is willing to do the work if the Town pays for the material and equipment.

Dave Tilton made a motion to authorize the purchase of fiberglass insulation, or cellulose and the rental of a hopper if needed, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

TOWN MEETING WARNING

The Board reviewed the warning.

Dave Tilton made a motion to approve the 2010 Town Meeting Warning, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

ROAD SCHEDULE

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the Road Schedule for January 15, 2010 through January 28, 2010, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

GRAND LIST – ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the 2009 Grand List Errors and Omissions submitted by the Listers, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

CSWD COMPOST BINS

David Tilton made a motion to order one pallet (36) of compost bins from CSWD, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Bills were approved and correspondence was read.

The Board accepted the Planning Commission's offer to assist the road committee with a new Road Plan.

Dave Tilton made a motion to authorize purchase of seven file cabinets at \$25.00 each, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

The Fairfax Selectboard decided that it would be best if concerns regarding the Steeple Market Fire be addressed directly to the chief Fairfax Fire Department. The chief will be contacted to schedule a meeting.

ROAD PERMISSION PERMIT

The Board denied a permit application submitted by Mark Horton to bury a utility line under Osgood Hill Road. The denial is based on the road being frozen and not being able to put it back together after being dug up. Mr. Horton can reapply to bore under the road or to have the work done as proposed after May 1st.

PERMIT REQUEST FOR SCHULTZ AND GOODRICH TRAILS

The Board would like to meet with the Budells to discuss a work plan for the Schultz Trail and Goodrich Trails, and how they plan to address safety issues for users regarding their request.

FAIRFAX RESCUE AGREEMENT

Dave Tilton made a motion to approve the draft agreement for Fairfax Rescue regarding FAHC being the primary hospital for transport of Westford residents, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0. A copy of the agreement will be sent to Fairfax Rescue for their approval.

DRAFT TOWN PLAN

The Board will hold two workshops – one in February and one in March - for the Town Plan.

MINUTES

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the minutes of December 29, 2009 as amended, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS

The Chair approved an Excess Weight Permit for the Hartigan Company, Germaine's Excavating, Denis Beloin and Ken Mitchell Trucking.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dave Tilton made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss personnel, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0. People in attendance were John Quinn, Bob Bancroft and Dave Tilton.

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.

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ADJOURN

Dave Tilton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Quinn, Chair
Westford Selectboard

Nanette Rogers
Town Clerk