

## Selectmen's Meeting

October 27, 2004

Present: Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer. Peggi Aspinall was not present. Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Meeting opened with Dave Whitney reviewing and signing the 04-05 season's snow removal contract. Mr. Whitney discussed the need to make a 15 ft. ramp at the shed to help him load the salt using his new truck. Alternatives were suggested, Vinal told David he would go up to the site and review it and get back to him.

Phil Cressey came to the meeting to introduce himself to the Selectmen and invited them to call on him for assistance in the future. His goal is to make one meeting per quarter in the future to help establish a working relationship with the Town.

John Palmer updated those present on the meeting he attended to interview three candidates for the Animal Control Officer position for the towns of Hiram, Parsonsfield, Porter and Cornish.

Brad Perkins requested an update on the RFP process. Vinal told him the final draft is done. Needs to be approved by probably Southern Maine Regional or MMA. Should be going to them the first part of the week. Mr. Perkins wanted to know what the estimated costs would be. Vinal remarked that he wouldn't be surprised if it was between \$60 - \$75,000. Mr. Perkins asked if there is a deadline for filing tax abatements. Yes, but Diane will check with MMA.

John Cleveland presented the Heli Modified lease agreement for review.

John presented a summary sheet for the Fire Barn progress to date. Discussion regarding the contractors progress to date and billings pursued. Vinal made a motion to go into Executive Session as the discussion involved personal information on a contractor. Once out of Executive Session, Mr. Cleveland proceeded to review the invoices with the Selectmen. For discussion and approval; Plumbing and Heating contractor, Community Dynamics (July 3rd-today), Professional Engineering Design, Essex Structural Steel Co. Vinal expressed his concerns on the "storage fees" being invoiced Essex Structural Steel. Mr. Cleveland will take up the issue with Essex and report back at next meeting. Additionally, Mr. Cleveland negotiated a 50% reduction on shipping charges which equates to \$300 from Essex Structural Steel. Mid State Steel Structure's total man hours invoiced were disputed, but it was decided to approve.

Vinal took a call from Peggi during the meeting and updated her on the activity thus far in the meeting.

Diane Harrington presented a letter from Mr. Mowry, town auditor along with the Financial Statements for 2004 for approval by the Selectmen.

Discussion of bank accounts regarding Thompson Park Committee. Diane requested Selectmen's approval to transfer the funds from these accounts into the Town account. Vinal was to speak with Margo regarding the accounts but has not done it to date. Vinal requested that we wait for Peggi Aspinall to be present and will do it at next meeting.

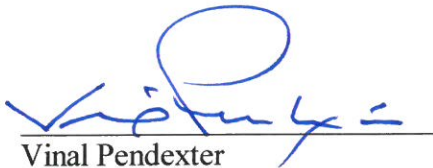
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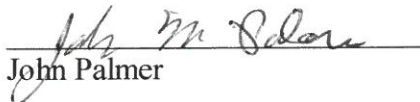
Release of lien for heirs of Henry Parker approved by Selectmen.

Vinal reviewed building inspector's report submitted by Jay Joyce regarding the property at 27 Circle Drive. The answer Vinal was looking for from the inspector's report was that the support system that's there now would be as rugged as conventional framing would be. It says that what's there now has not deteriorated. Letter to go out to Mr. Joyce and Mr. Campbell explaining the requirement that needs to be met to reclassify the property.

Diane asked the Selectmen how much she should charge for renting out the lower level of Pike Hall to Mr. John Barton for his guitar workshop. Motion made and seconded to charge \$50.00 for rental of the lower level.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

  
Vinal Pendexter

  
John Palmer

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Margaret Aspinall