

Selectmen's Meeting December 8, 2004

Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer and Peggi Aspinall were present. Meeting was called to order at 7p.m.

Meeting opened with a review of the warrant and approval of minutes from 11/24/04 meeting.

Issues for review and notification were presented by Vinal. A meeting with Howard Manning at York County E.M.A. to discuss development of a terrorism plan with regard to weapons of mass destruction will need to be scheduled in the coming month. York County will be funding the effort of Mr. Manning in assisting the Town.

The report received from the State Planning Office that deals with recycling statistics for last year basically shows we are failing in our efforts as a town. Peggi suggested the Town run an ad in the Shoppers Guide to inform the public of the breakdown of the items for recycling and the hours open.

Peggi brought up the issue of unauthorized use of sand/salt from the shed by people in town who do private contract work. A discussion pursued on how to stem it and what course of action to take. Peggi to draft a letter to the individuals involved that will address the Selectmen's concerns. She will present it for review at our next meeting on December 22.

Mr. Waggoner petitioned the Board for use of Pike Hall for the Sacopee Valley High School Band performance in April. Discussion of several issues that arose with last performance brought reassurances from Mr. Waggoner that the issues had been addressed and will not reoccur. Motion was made and seconded to approve use of Pike Hall. As service work the students will clean the balcony area after the performance is completed.

The new Animal Control Office, Kathy Quinan and Assistant Animal Control Officer, James Gardner were introduced to the Selectmen and sworn in by Diane Harrington. Vinal requested that they contact the town office with any situations that arise for the short term until they are more familiar with the Town. Business cards will be ordered for them and Diane will write a letter of introduction to Harvest Hills Animal Shelter.

Judy MacIntyre informed the Selectmen about the deterioration of the sidewalk in front of her house which resulted in a customer falling and sustaining facial injuries. She asked what could be done regarding the condition of the sidewalk. Vinal explained that Robert Sturgeon has a comprehensive plan to address the drainage issues on High Street and the plan may incorporate new sidewalks. The project is to begin this spring. Vinal will ask Robert Sturgeon to attend the next Selectman's meeting to discuss the plans and have Mrs. MacIntyre here to discuss options for improvement of the sidewalk.

Sam Gilpatrick, John Cleveland and Scott Pingree updated the Selectmen on a Grant they applied for in March to replace a communication tower on High road. The Grant has been approved. They went before the Planning Board to present the proposal on 12/06/04. All abutters have been notified and invited to attend a workshop on December 20th to voice any concerns or questions they might have. Sam Gilpatrick will be meeting with the excavator,

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radio people, and tower people to review and update costs as original proposal was submitted 8 months ago. Discussion of the Grant and payment method brought up several questions that require timely answers. Sam will contact MMA to get additional information on terms of the Grant. He and Scott Pingree will update the Selectmen at the December 22nd meeting. Vinal informed them of the requirement to present an article for the 05 Warrant before the Town Meeting for a vote. Peggi made a motion to accept this Tower project with the information provided to date. Approved and seconded by all.

Scott Pingree requested the Town portion of the FEMA Grant be disbursed to the Fire Department. Vinal told him to submit a written request for the monies once they have met 90% of Grant.

John Cleveland updated the Selectmen on the Fire Station. Invoices discussed; W.L. Sturgeon, RPH, Inc., Shea Bros., and F.R. Carroll. A review of budget summary sheets followed. Total amount of additional dollars to expend (without extra paving or invoices approved tonight) \$20,200 to be backed out from contingency will leave \$30,000 uncommitted.

Finnan Construction monies owed were discussed. Decision to look locally for contractor to replace Finnan for the sheet rock and painting. Asking for quotes to finish the taping, sanding, and painting. New contractor will be paid out of the balance of Finnan's contract. The bottom line, when you subtract out everything we've paid out to the suppliers who haven't gotten paid, it's a little less than \$6,500 balance right now owed to suppliers. Masonry contract has a balance of \$650. John will figure out if there are enough monies available in balances to finish the work and payoff the vendors. John to contact Brill Lumber and investigate returning 6 I-beams and other unused supplies for credit toward balance owed them.

Heli Modified was next item presented by John Cleveland. Per motion made and approved by Selectmen, John Cleveland will be the contact in negotiations between Heli Modified and the Town regarding the renewal of the lease contract. John Cleveland put forth a recommendation that the Town secure an appraisal of the building and site. Discussion of the ramifications of selling the building to Heli Modified followed. John Cleveland will get clarification on the issues raised.

Diane asked that Jeremiah Winters be put on the agenda for the next Selectman's meeting to approve his request for liquor license for Thompson Park Grille. Vinal indicated that a requirement to obtaining approval of the license is that a grease trap system be installed and inspected per mandate from the DEP for restaurants dumping into the sewer system. Required grease trap system and inspection must be done prior to him coming before the Selectmen for approval.

Items for signature presented by Diane; lien on property paid off but never released. Signature for 801 personal property taxes, abatement of \$2.23 for personal property not in our town.

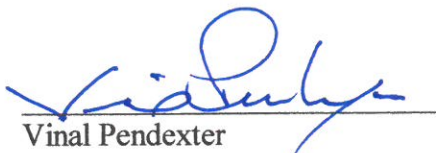
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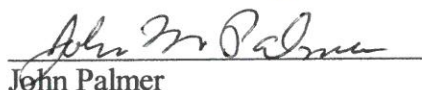
Diane requested that a notice be advertised for budget committee members and warrant articles because they need to go in 85 days prior to an election. Dates set for: warrant articles of January 10th, people wishing to participate on budget committee deadline January 10th with the budget meeting set for January 18th.

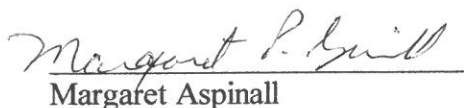
Peggi Aspinall updated the Selectmen on the Thompson Park Bank Accounts held by Carlton Candage which had been addressed at prior meetings. She spoke with Mr. Candage regarding the bank account activity. Carlton explained he had been directed by Margo Frazier to transfer the funds (\$5000) out of the account. Due to the fact that donations were greater than anticipated which were not a part of the Grant, they needed to be removed from the Grant monies in a separate account. The monies are to be used for the maintenance of Thompson Park. Motion made to move the account into a Town account and earmark it as Thompson Park Preservation and use it as specified.

Letter and invoice received from Bergen & Parkinson, LLC the attorney processing the consent agreement between the Town and Linda Griffith-Hanscom regarding the subdivision property on the High Road. As agreed upon the legal fee to be paid by Linda Griffith-Hanscom.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.


Vinal Pendexter


John Palmer


Margaret Aspinall