

Selectmen's Meeting March 30, 2006

Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer and Peggi Aspinall were present.

The meeting opened with a review of the warrants and minutes from the meeting of 3/15 being read. Seconded and approved by all.

The selectmen met with Steve Mellen of Mellen and Son Disposal to discuss the Town's contract with him and review the diesel costs incurred amounting to \$3,215.40 due to the rapid increases in fuel costs above the CPI over 18 months. Motion to pay Mr. Mellen half of the excess diesel costs (\$1,607.70). Seconded and approved.

Vinal updated the selectmen on the progress of the PSAP (Public Safety Answering Points) consolidation program mandated by the Governor. That deadline for consolidation is getting very close. Currently we use York County as a PSAP for fire department, rescue unit and obviously the sheriffs and state police use it. All along there has been an assumption that York County was going to be one of the PSAPs that is going to carry on, but something has come to light recently indicating that York County Commissioners aren't so sure they want to carry the fire department dispatching. There is a meeting tonight regarding this at the York County Jail and Scott Pingree and John Bleakney are representing the fire department and town interests. Scott will bring back some information for us. There are not a lot of options.

A request from Cadette Troop Leader Nancy Chapman to use the new fire barn for a Leaders Supper on April 11th was reviewed and discussed. Motion to deny use of the Fire Barn was made. Seconded and approved.

Taylor Collomy requested use of Pike Hall on April 18th to hold a used clothing sale to assist her in fundraising for a Missions trip to Russia. Motion made to allow her to use Pike Hall for the date requested. Seconded and approved.

Peggi Aspinall discussed the ADA Committee meeting of March 28th at Pike Hall. She presented a letter to be signed by the Chair of the Selectmen as representative of the Town. The letter requests approval by the owner of the building to the architect's work from Barba and Wheelock. The firm was recommended by the Maine Historical Society. Barba and Wheelock asked to review the prior proposal done by the Town at the meeting scheduled for April 5th. Motion that we accept Barba and Wheelock for architectural plans for the ADA compatibility of Pike Hall. Seconded and approved.

An application to get the Pike Memorial Hall on the National Historic Registry was submitted by Norm MacIntyre for the selectmen to authorize. A motion was made to allow Norm MacIntyre pursue putting the Pike Hall on the National Historic Registry was made. Seconded and approved.

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Peggi looked into the cost of 8' tables at both BJ's and SAM's warehouse clubs and presented her findings. Diane will check with the office supply company used by the Town for pricing.

Diane explained the bank account for the ADA Capital Improvements she is opening. The paperwork to open the account was signed. There was discussion of the funding that has been raised to date that will be put into the new ADA Capital Improvement account.

Peggi Aspinall told the selectmen it was decided at the ADA meeting of March 28th that Raetha Stoddard turn over the money raised along with her an accounting of the monies raised to date to Norm MacIntyre who replaced her as the ADA Committee Chair. Peggi mentioned she was asked to talk to Cornish Preservations committee and see if they would combine with the ADA committee to keep an ongoing fundraising effort for Pike Memorial Hall.

A \$100 donation has been received from the Saco River Festival Association. Diane asked the selectmen if she should deposit it in the ADA account or apply toward heating expenses as they used the hall on March 17th for a performance. Selectmen decided to have Diane ask Sharon Beaver where she would like it applied. A motion was made to deposit the \$100 in the ADA account if Sharon Beaver is in agreement. Seconded and approved.

Declaration was received from the State that the Town's Certified Ratio is at 56 percent. Diane Harrington spoke with Mr. Kendall and discussed specific recourse the town may take to improve the ratio. She asked the selectmen's approval to submit documentation of the town's revaluation efforts along with the Ratio Declaration and Reimbursement application to the State. It is anticipated that the ratio will be brought back up to 100% which will result in more revenue sharing and a larger portion of the Homestead exemption for the residents and the town. A motion was made that the selectmen sign the Ratio Declaration and Reimbursement application. Seconded and approved.

The selectmen reviewed and approved a letter Vision Appraisal will be sending out to the residents to schedule interior examinations of their property for the revaluation. Diane informed the selectmen that in addition to Vision software being provided through the contract, a software program from Trio is required to complete the uploading process to the computer for billing and accessing capabilities of real estate files for the Vision software package. The estimated cost of the Trio program is \$2,000. Motion was made to hire Trio to give us the input program necessary for the new assessing program. Seconded and approved.

Damage caused by winter salt to the fence around Thompson Park needs to be addressed, along with complaints regarding broken trash barrels and dog waste pick up was discussed. The Selectmen suggested that the Park Committee be contacted for their input.

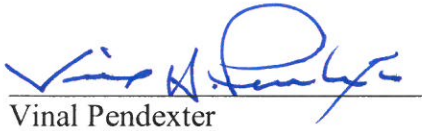
Maintenance of the industrial park sign was discussed. It is the town's responsibility to maintain the area's landscaping and mowing. A need to bushwhack the remaining lot was discussed and it was decided to ask Dennis Lowd to do the work. It was suggested contacting Russell Bleakney for his suggestions of drought resistant shrubs for the area around the sign.

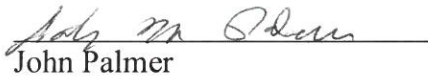
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Vinal Pendexter was nominated and voted Chairman of the Selectmen for 2006.

The Maine Energy Recovery Company tonnage should be adjusted to show a more accurate GAT due to our increased volume being collected. Diane will investigate the matter with David Rowe and report back to the selectmen at the next scheduled meeting.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by all.


Vinal Pendexter


John Palmer


Margaret Aspinall