

Selectmen's Meeting August 13, 2008

Vinal Pendexter, Peggi Aspinall, and Nancy Perkins were present for the meeting.

Steve Mellen present to discuss compensation for the rising diesel costs. Reimbursement will be based on the Consumer Price Index. Historically Mr. Mellen has split the cost with the Town but this time is looking for full reimbursement due to diesel costs doubling. Vinal asked that the figures be calculated and they sit down to review them together.

Elaine MacMaster's annual review was moved to Monday, 8/18 at 3:30pm.

A request for use of the Fire Barn for upcoming Scout meetings generated discussion of charging a fee for groups holding meetings at the Fire Barn to go towards cleaning expenses. Selectmen will ask Scott Pingree to attend their August 27th meeting for his input before making a decision.

Selectmen signed a Quit Claim deed for R01-051 (Judy Leonhartt). The discharge will be filed by Ann Hastings office.

Diane presented a draft letter for the selectmen to review that will be sent to the Sewer District and the Fairgrounds Advisory Committee. The letter informs them that Diane Harrington is to be on all bank accounts and to have access to all statements on a monthly basis.

Nancy surveyed oil dealers for their "lock in" price for heating fuel today. She proposed selectmen agree on an acceptable amount so she can act quickly if it materializes. The selectmen approved "locking in" at \$3.35/gallon.

Nancy suggested sending a letter of thanks to the inmate crew doing volunteer work in the town. Work was limited due to rain, but the crews will be returning in the fall to complete the projects. Vinal asked that Sheriff Ouellette receive a copy of the letter.

Nancy had two conversations with Mike Rogers regarding the Preliminary 2009 State Valuation. Mike Rogers offered to schedule a time to visit with the selectmen and answer any questions. Nancy will take advantage of the offer.

Eric Surette discussed his 2008 real estate tax bill with Nancy. He is concerned he won't be able to afford to live here once his home is completed. Nancy spoke with the selectmen about it and would like to set up a time to meet with Eric and project the costs at completion through the Vision Appraisal software. Time will be reserved at the next selectman's meeting to address the issue.

Tammy Knight (CBDG Program) met with the ADA Committee on Monday, August 11, 2008 to discuss potential for funds. There is a Public Facilities Grant, there is a Historic Preservation Grant, and if the Committee wants to do this they have to show the support of the community. Norm has to get the Historic Preservation Society's approval for the work to be done at Pike Memorial Hall prior to applying for any grants.

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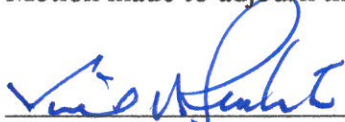
A meeting will need to be coordinated between the Historic Preservation Society, Nancy Barba, and the ADA Committee in Portland to review the plans that have been drawn up.

Vinal received a call from Russell Bleakney of the Riverside Cemetery Association stating he has not been successful in setting up a surveyor for the property. Vinal will make some calls.


An application for a concealed weapons background check was reviewed and signed by the selectmen.

Nancy informed the selectmen of a meeting in Brownfield in conjunction with SAD 72 to raise funds for heating assistance to help cover the coming heating season. Don Trott of Porter indicated that they raised the General Assistance fund to \$10,000 and feels they will still fall short. Nancy will talk with Baldwin's GA contact that deals with PROP for his views. Nancy has a meeting with Cindy Boyd on August 18th to find out what the State is going to do for assistance. Nancy stated that she plans to proceed with trying to raise funds unless there is some objection from them.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.



Vinal Pendexter



Margaret Aspinall



Nancy Perkins