

Weathersfield Select Board  
Minutes  
November 4, 2013

Present: Dan Boyer  
Norman John Arrison  
Dave Fuller  
Richard Clattenburg

Others Present: Jim Mullen, Town Manager  
Lisa Slade, Recording Secretary  
Charles Horton  
Bonnie D. DuPrey  
Wanda Gropler  
Wes Hazeltine  
John Esty  
Bette Jo Esty  
Jeff Slade  
Edith Stillson  
deForest Bearse  
Barbara Flinn  
Darrin Spaulding  
Lynn Esty  
Jenness Burns

1. Call to Order: Mr. Boyer called the Weathersfield Select Board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Martin Memorial Hall.

2. Comments from Citizens and Select Board Members: Mr. Fuller noted Mr. Roger Eastman, a long time Weathersfield resident and, one that has done a lot for our Town, celebrated his ninetieth birthday a week and a half ago.

Barbara Flinn, a resident of Country Estates Mobile Home Park that borders the Running Bear Campground said she had damage to her car due to the fireworks at the campground on July 4th. She asked the Board to re-consider granting the campground a permit since the location where they set them off is dangerously close to the mobile home park. She said she understands it is only November and she will be back to the Select Board before July.

3. Review Minutes from Previous Meetings: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the minutes dated October 17, 2013. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

**Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the minutes dated October 21, 2013, Mr. Fuller seconded the motion. One correction was noted. Motion carried unanimously.**

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*Lisa Slade*  
Town Clerk

#### 4. Regular Business

A. Review first draft of FY15 Highway Budget: First look is coming in at a 1.6% increase. There are three projects to complete in the summer of 2015 which will include Grant money and using some reserve money. They include Thrasher Road culvert, Maple Street reconstruction and Airport Road.

Mr. Fuller asked where any highway fund balance money went if it's in here at zero. Mr. Mullen said he moved that to the Capitol plan which we will talk about later.

Mr. Mullen said this is trying to keep number of employees at five since we haven't been successful in hiring a sixth person and it has been several months so we are "saving" one full time salary and benefits. Mr. Boyer asked how this would affect snow plowing. Mr. Hazeltine said it will have an affect. He said he has been pressured by Budget Committee Members during and after meetings about not hiring a sixth person. He said there will be people coming to the Select Board about the roads not getting plowed and sanded if he doesn't have a sixth employee for the winter season. Especially if someone is out sick. Mr. Slade said it was not unanimous within the Budget Committee to not hire another person. Mr. Fuller said he would like Mr. Hazeltine come up with the numbers he is comfortable with never mind what the Budget Committee recommends, the Board agreed with Mr. Fuller. Mr. Fuller said this isn't just about snow with him. He feels Mr. Hazeltine should look at his budget and be comfortable with it without being pressured by anyone.

Mr. Fuller said if another full time employee is added the increase would be \$33,900 so the projected increase will go from 1.6% to 2.8%.

Mr. Mullen said these numbers do not reflect any increase in salaries.

There was discussion on diesel fuel prices and Mr. Fuller questioned if we can get a better price if we do pre-buy or something. Mr. Mullen said this is the State's price and he doesn't think we can do better on our own.

There was discussion that hiring out the roadside mowing worked well, we just need to let him know when to do it so it's not done too soon.

It was noted the gravel, sand and salt is now included on one line item.

Mr. Mullen said it was suggested that we use \$56,000 from the fund balance to "double pay" a paving payment so next year will be the final payment. Mr. Arrison asked Mr. Hazeltine to give the Board a list of roads in need of paving.

B. Review first draft of FY15 Capital replacement plan & long term debt schedule: Mr. Mullen said the Highway Departments goal is to purchase a new dump truck every three years. Mr. Fuller said he is not ok with three new purchases in the same year, he does not agree with buying new equipment as often as we do. There was discussion on replacing the grader before the warranty expires. Mr. Boyer asked for a cost analysis on the current grader.

C. Review first draft of FY15 Reserve funds status report: This was discussed above.

D. Review preliminary Highway department report on its inspection of Asa Grout Road: Mr. Mullen said legally every thing has been done however, tests show there is not enough gravel depth to meet Town standards. Using VTrans prices it will cost about \$22,000 in gravel and an additional \$10,000 for additional work to get this road up to Town standards. Mr. Fuller asked what this road was now. Mrs. Bearse said it's a Class IV but it is not on the current highway map, it needs to be added before 2015.

Mr. Arrison recommended sharing this information with the landowners so they can review it.

E. Update on Tarbell Hill Road reconstruction project

- authorize Chair and Highway Committee member to award bid: **Mr. Clattenburg made the motion to authorize the Select Board Chair Dan Boyer and the Highway Committee Member David Fuller to approve on behalf of the full Select Board the award of bid for the Tarbell Hill Road Culvert Project. Mr. Arrison seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

F. Update on Perkinsville School reuse project: Mr. Boyer said starting Wednesday Hoisington Field will be closed until December 6th due to the demolishing of the old school building.

G. Award Engineering Contract/Maple Street reconstruction project: Mr. Mullen said the original bid was \$141,000 and it has been negotiated down to \$100,900. **Mr. Clattenburg made the motion to approve the proposed Agreement for Consulting Engineering Services dated 10/30/13 from Dubois & King for Maple Street Reconstruction Project for a Maximum Limiting Amount of \$100,900. Mr. Arrison seconded the motion. Mr. Mullen noted this is for design only. Motion carried unanimously.**

H. Request for review of subdivision street project/Herbert "Chip" Steele: Not needed.

Appointment: **Mr. Fuller made the motion to appoint Susan Boyer to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Arrison seconded the motion which carried 3 - 0. Mr. Boyer abstained.**

5. Sign Treasurer's Warrant: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Warrants as follows:**

<b>General Funds Payroll</b>	<b>\$17,410.48</b>
<b>General Funds Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$37,851.03</b>
<b>Highway Fund Payroll</b>	<b>\$11,696.09</b>
<b>Highway Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$40,533.40</b>
<b>Solid Waste Management Fund Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 1,535.99</b>
<b>Solid Waste Management Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,565.17</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>\$ 968.36</b>
<b>Grants</b>	<b>\$151,593.50</b>
<b>Agency Monies</b>	<b>\$ 405.25</b>
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 1,582.71</b>

**Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

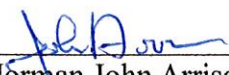
6. Future Meeting Agenda Items: General Fund budget, Thrasher Road speed limit, Perkinsville School Reuse project.

7. Adjourn: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion which passed without dissent.** The Weathersfield Select Board meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Lisa Slade

Approved by the Weathersfield Select Board on November 18, 2013

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