

Weathersfield Select Board
Minutes
June 10, 2013

Present: C. Peter Cole
Norman John Arrison
Dan Boyer
Dave Fuller
Richard Clattenburg

Others Present: Jim Mullen, Town Manager
Lisa Slade, Recording Secretary
Susan Hindinger
Edith Stillson
Ross Girard
Charles Horton
Bonnie D. DuPrey
Chief Davies

1. Executive Session: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to go into Executive Session for personnel. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**
2. Call to Order: Mr. Boyer called the special Select Board meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at Martin Memorial Hall.
3. Comments from Citizens and Select Board: None
4. Review Minutes from Previous Meeting(s): None
5. Regular Business
 - A. Request for Municipal Fireworks Display Permit, Running Bear Campground: **Mr. Clattenburg made the motion to approve the fireworks display permit for Running Bear Camping Area for July 4, 2013 between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., Mr. Arrison seconded the motion.** Mr. Arrison asked Mr. Girard if he was using 2" shells. Mr. Girard said they plan on using just cakes. Mr. Arrison said if they use 2" shells the safety zone needs to be increased to 140'. Mr. Girard asked the Board if they were ok with a rain date of July 6, they said yes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
 - B. Approve transfer of Airport Road paving funds received from VTrans into the Highway Reserve Fund: **Mr. Clattenburg made the motion to approve the transfer of \$9,779 in Airport Road paving funds received from VTrans into the Highway Reserve Fund, Mr. Arrison seconded the motion.** Mr. Fuller asked if they could just go into the operating budget. Mr. Mullen said they need to go in the reserve fund for future spending. Mr. Fuller asked if we needed voter approval to spend from the reserve fund, Mr. Mullen said no. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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Town Clerk*

C. Approve submittal of an Ecosystem Grant Application for the "Murray's Flat" Bridge on Little Ascutney Road: **Mr. Clattenburg made the motion to approve the submittal of an application for FY14 Ecosystem Restoration Grant to do pre-construction engineering work to correct the deficiencies in the Murray's Flat Bridge, Mr. Arrison seconded the motion.**

Mrs. Hindinger said she has heard there will be a lot of competition for this Grant but feels Weathersfield should submit an application. Mr. Arrison asked what the Grant was for. Mrs. Hindinger said this would allow time to complete an engineering study and make a plan for bridge repair/replacement under our own time without being under a time constraint due to a flood (or something).

Mr. Clattenburg asked how much this would cost the Town. Mr. Mullen said they are not asking for a match but the application is more attractive if we offer one so he is going to offer a 10% match.

Mr. Fuller said we may want to consider doing some work on this bridge even if we don't receive this grant because of the undermining. He said we may want to protect it by adding some rock.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approve FY14 Town Highway Structures Grant Agreement for 0.6 mile Baltimore Road culvert: **Mr. Clattenburg made the motion to approve the FY2014 Town Highway Structures Grant agreement with VTrans for the 0.6 mile Baltimore Road culvert. Mr. Arrison seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

E. Receive and act on recommendations regarding Police Department

1. Approve job description for "Full-Time Police Officer"

2. Authorize Town Manager to post position of "Full-Time Police Officer"

Mr. Mullen said the Chief is asking for a Full-Time Police Officer in addition to himself and the two part-time Officers. He said they have looked at the budget and this would be an additional cost of \$25,854 which is not in the budget.

Mr. Arrison said he knows we included \$30,000 for additional police coverage for the new Chief to use as he sees needed however, he can not support this request because of the additional expense over what is in the budget. Mr. Cole said he understands what Mr. Arrison is saying however, he respects the Chiefs assessment and recommendations. Mr. Fuller said he agrees with Mr. Arrison, the additional money for a Full-Time Officer in addition to two Part-Time Officer's has not been budgeted for in FY14.

There was discussion on revenue. Mr. Mullen said the numbers they used for revenue are conservative. He feels these proposed numbers are accurate. Mr. Fuller said if there is a surplus in the General Fund due to police revenue it should be used towards police coverage.

Mr. Fuller said he is concerned with the added costs to maintain the cruisers if we add more police coverage they will be used more. Mr. Mullen said the budget for maintenance has been increased to account for this.

Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the job description for a Full-Time Police Officer and authorize the Town Manager to post the position, Mr. Fuller seconded the motion. There was discussion that this motion approves the posting of the Full-Time position it does not say we should have a Full-Time Officer in addition to the two Part-Time Officers, that is something that still needs to be discussed. Chief Davies

said he would not want to loose the two part-time Officers that we have now. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Appointments:

A. Ancient Roads Committee: **Mr. Clattenburg made the motion to appoint Marilyn Houghton to the Ancient Roads Committee. Mr. Cole seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

6. Sign Treasurer's Warrant: None

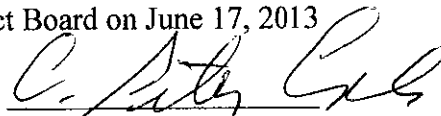
7. Future Meeting Agenda Items: evaluation of Weathersfield's Fire Services

Mr. Fuller said he talked to Wes about roadside mowing and it may make sense to hire someone to do the roadside mowing instead of renting a machine to use so we may want to add this to the next agenda. Mr. Mullen said Mr. Boyer already approved that request and they were going to hire someone with a mower to do it.


8. Adjourn: **Mr. Fuller made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion which passed without dissent.** The Weathersfield Select Board meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

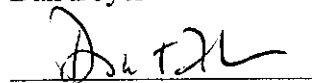
Submitted by,
Lisa Slade


Approved by the Weathersfield Select Board on June 17, 2013


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