

Weathersfield Select Board  
Minutes  
January 6, 2014

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 Gropher  
George Lamb  
Alan Hudson  
Michael Todd  
deForest Bearse  
Edith Stillson  
Lorraine (Cookie) Shand  
Ernie Shand

1. Call to Order: Mr. Boyer called the Weathersfield Select Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Martin Memorial Hall.

2. Comments from Citizens and Select Board Members: Mr. Boyer acknowledged that the Town Charter has been reproduced, framed and is hanging in the meeting room.

Mr. Horton asked who gave the Ascutney Fire Department the title to the ladder truck so they could trade it in for another truck. Mr. Mullen said they owned the ladder truck therefore, they had the title.

Ms. Gropher said snowmobiles were riding on Piper Road and questioned why when her neighbor contacted the police via Facebook they were told by Officer Norton to contact the State Police. The Board asked Mr. Mullen to talk to Chief Davies about this.

3. Review Minutes from Previous Meetings: none available to review

4. Regular Business

A. Perkinsville School Reuse Project:

a) Review Expenses to date for Asbestos Abatement and Demolition Components of Project: Mr. Mullen summarized the work that has been done to date and said it is time to have a permanent electrical service installed. **Mr. Clattenburg made the motion to authorize the Town Manager to request proposals from three qualified bidders to install the electrical service (100 amp and 200 amp), Mr. Fuller seconded the motion.** Mr. Clattenburg asked Mr. Mullen to bring the bids to the Board for review before awarding it. **Motion carried 3-0, Mr. Arrison abstained.**

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Al-Anne Davis  
Town Clerk

b) Review Budgets for renovation and use of 1879 school building: Mr. Mullen said he has worked with Alan Hudson and they estimate it will cost \$80,000 to a partial renovation of the 1879 building and \$181,000 to do a total renovation.

There was discussion what needed to be repaired, what the building would be used for, how much money would need to be put into it, and how much annual maintenance costs would be.

c) Size and configuration of lot for 1879 school building: Mr. Mullen said if we decide to sell the 1879 building instead of doing repairs and using the building ourselves we will have to know how much land to sell with it therefore, he recommends hiring Gary Rapanotti do some research to determine the "boundary". After discussion the consensus was to have Gary Rapanotti look at the deed and the survey work/mapping that has already been completed to give his opinion.

d) Discuss possible Town Meeting article(s) regarding sale and/or renovation of 1879 school building: Mr. Mullen said Article 5 on the Draft Warning asks the voters to authorize the Select Board to convey the 1879 building and site in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 106(b). If this passes then we would not do the renovations discussed earlier in the meeting. Mrs. Slade said it appears to her the Board is in favor of selling the building instead of retaining ownership since there isn't an Article to borrow funds for renovations. Mr. Mullen said if there was an Article to borrow funds for renovations and it failed then we would be "sitting" on the building for another year.

There was discussion about selling the building and not knowing what would be done to the building and/or property. It was said that the Board could put a stipulation on the sale that the buyer would need to maintain the exterior integrity.

B. Review draft Warning for 2014 Town Meeting regarding Social Service Agencies: The consensus of the Board was to put all 15 on the Warning and also to add the Town Directory as an Article.

C. Review draft Warning for Library Bond Vote: Mr. Shand summarized the construction and reconstruction, the building spec's and the anticipated costs. Mr. Lamb asked Mr. Shand to be sure they have enough money to pay for the Bond.

Mr. Fuller asked if Mr. Mullen looked into alternate funding options. Mr. Mullen said the banks want to only fund up to five years. Mr. Fuller said this is all about money to him and we are heading into an electronic world and he doesn't feel the Library will get enough use. Mrs. Shand said she respects Mr. Fuller's opinion and realizes that those associated with the Library will have to "sell" this Article to the voters.

D. Contract Review/U.S.Army Corps of Engineers Police Patrol, North Springfield Lake: Mr. Clattenburg questioned the rate of \$35.42 per hour, he doesn't feel this pays for our expenses. Mr. Boyer said you have to take into consideration while doing this we have police presence in that part of Town. Mr. Fuller questioned if we could work with less police coverage if we didn't have this contract in place. Mr. Arrison questioned what the Sherriff's department charges. Mr. Mullen will get further information so this can be discussed again.

E. Continue Review of draft FY2015 Budgets: The Board reviewed the tax rate computation draft dated 01/02/14. Mr. Mullen said the purchase price of the new highway truck would have to be increased to \$199,000 based on his latest conversation with Mr. Hazeltine that is the estimated cost of a ten wheeler at this time. He said we

could use another \$30,000 from reserves to keep the payments the same as originally projected.

F. Tarbell Hill Road Reconstruction/Emergency Watershed Protection Program eligibility: Mr. Mullen gave the Board a letter stating the project is eligible for funding.

G. Results of 2013 State study of Weathersfields Grand List: Mr. Mullen said he received information from the Lister's that our CLA is at 100% and our COD is at 18.52% up from 17.82% in 2012.

H. Review FY14 year-to-date Budget Reports: Mr. Mullen said we should be about 50% for this time of year and everything is looking pretty good. Mr. Fuller questioned where the income for collecting delinquent tax payments showed, Mr. Mullen said he would have to look into that.

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

<b>General Fund Payroll</b>	<b>\$25,157.86</b>
<b>General Fund Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$35,761.83</b>
<b>Highway Fund Payroll</b>	<b>\$23,001.53</b>
<b>Highway Fund Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$78,721.05</b>
<b>Solid Waste Management Fund Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 2,150.98</b>
<b>Solid Waste Management Fund Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 3,685.91</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>\$ 1,048.08</b>
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 1,061.00</b>

**Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion.** Mr. Fuller asked what fire truck was towed. Mr. Mullen said a truck from West Weathersfield broke down on Quarry Road and was towed to the Town Garage. Mr. Fuller asked why there was a truck at L&B for repairs. Mr. Mullen said that is the truck that hit a deer on the way back from a parade. **Motion carried unanimously.**

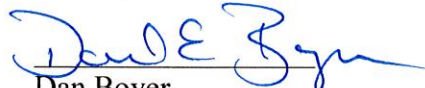
6. Future Meeting Agenda Items: Public Hearing/Revised Land Use Chapter for Town Plan, Amend Weathersfield Roadway and Bridge Standards (first reading), Approve name of Road in new subdivision, Carl Wyman, Budget, Warning

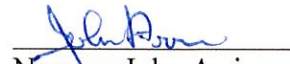
7. Executive Session: Select Recipient for 2013 Weathersfield Service Award: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

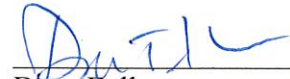
8. Adjourn: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

Submitted by,  
Lisa Slade

Approved by the Weathersfield Select Board January 20, 2014

  
Dan Boyer

  
Norman John Arrison

  
Dave Fuller

  
Richard Clattenburg