

Weathersfield Select Board
Minutes
February 3, 2014

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

Others Present: Jim Mullen, Town Manager
Lisa Slade, Recording Secretary
Michael Todd
Charles Horton
Bonnie D. DuPrey
Wanda Gropher
Alan Hudson
George Lamb
Edith Stillson
BJ Esty
John Esty
Wes Hazeltine
Lynn Esty
David Martin
Ruth Martin

1. Call to Order: Mr. Boyer called the meeting of the Weathersfield Select Board to order at 7:00 p.m. at Martin Memorial Hall.
2. Comments from Citizens and Select Board: Mr. Todd said the Highway Surplus Funds are supposed to be used for the same purpose and using them to pay off the Center Road paving project is not legal per State Statute since that was a separate Article.
3. Review Minutes from Previous Meetings: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the minutes dated January 20, 2014. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion which passed 4 - 0 with one abstention.**
4. Regular Business
 - A. Public Hearing #2/Revised Land Use Chapter for Town Plan: Mr. Boyer re-opened the Public Hearing. Mr. Todd read the Notice of Public Hearing aloud. He said the about five months have been spent on this revision.

There was discussion on change of use and change of lot size. Mr. Fuller said property owners should be notified that there is a change pending before the change is made so they have time to participate in discussions.

Mr. Arrison said this was sent back to the Planning Commission once because there were people in Town that didn't want certain types of businesses to be in Town.

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Mr. Todd said that group of people worked with the Planning Commission regarding their concerns and there has been health and community values language added however, it is difficult to say you can't operate a specific business. Mr. Clattenburg asked if that group of people are satisfied. Mr. Todd said he believes they would like stronger language than what is in here.

Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the revised Land Use Chapter for the Town Plan, Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Mr. Fuller said he supports this but wanted the record to show he wants landowners notified before changes to use and/or parcel size is adopted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Amend Weathersfield Roadway and Bridge Standards (second reading): Mr. Mullen said he made two changes on the cul-de-sac and hammerhead diagrams for clarification. Mr. Arrison asked how restricted are we on the hammerhead diagram. Mr. Mullen said these are used as guides. Mr. Fuller said the Fire Department or a large piece of highway equipment should "test" the turnaround be sure there is sufficient room before the final approval.

Mr. Fuller made the motion to move the Amendments to the Third and Final Reading on 2/24/14. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

C. Authorize Treasurer to pay off Center Road Paving Loan: Mr. Mullen said our budget was built on this assumption.

Mr. Fuller asked about expenses during the July 2nd flood. Mr. Mullen said there was a separate fund set up for this. Mr. Fuller said he would like to see the information on the expenses at the next meeting. Mr. Fuller said he appreciates Mr. Todd's comments at the beginning of the meeting however, the budget and Warning were approved at the last meeting.

Mr. Arrison made the motion to authorize the Town Manager to pay off the remaining balance on the Center Road Paving Loan. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

D. Discuss option of extending warranty on grader instead of replacing it in FY2015: Mr. Arrison shared information with the Board that he compiled regarding purchasing additional warranty on the current grader. He said CAT usually offers extended warranty on used equipment so we would have to give up our current warranty if we bought the extended warranty now and it is capped at 10,000 hours. There was discussion on cost of new grader vs. the cost of keeping the current grader and buying the extended warranty.

Mr. Fuller said he thinks the current warranty can be negotiated, he's not sure we would have to buy the extended warranty until the current warranty runs out. It was mentioned that if we don't buy a new grader we should start setting money aside to buy the next grader. Mr. Fuller said this hasn't been done in the past. He said buying a new grader at this time displaces other key expenses like paving.

Mr. Clattenburg asked Mr. Hazeltine if he thinks we need a new grader at this time. Mr. Hazeltine said this grader has had a lot of work, it has had a lot of issues in the past. He reminded the Board that prior to this grader we spent about \$40,000 the first year the previous grader was out of warranty. He feels this machine is in good condition at this time however, he is concerned about letting the warranty expire. Mr. Arrison said

he was told by the CAT service department the estimate to replace an engine is about \$29,000 for parts and labor.

E. Perkinsville School Reuse Project: Review size and configuration of lot for 1879 school building: Mr. Mullen said .38 acres could be sold to a private party along with the 1879 building and this would not interfere at all with the use of the field. Mr. Fuller said this is good news but he encouraged the parking/turn around area to be set out so the bus does not have to back up when picking up or dropping of students. There was discussion about the price the building/land could be sold for but no one knows the value at this time. Mrs. Bette Jo Esty reminded the Board that there are two memorial trees on this piece of land.

F. Approve Contract/ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Police Patrol, North Springfield Lake: Mr. Mullen said they adjusted the hours and the contract amount, overall cut by \$1,000. Mr. Fuller asked if this was for calendar year. Mr. Mullen said yes but most of the patrol time is spent during the summer months. **Mr. Clattenburg made the motion to approve the Contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers for Police Patrol. Mr. Cole seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

G. Update on Applications for Zoning & Act250 Permits for emergency extraction from Bow Sand Pit: Mr. Mullen said the permit has been received from Zoning and we have not received any objections to date.

H. Approve 2014 Certificate of Highway Mileage: Mr. Mullen said this was sent in last year however, they said they did not receive it therefore we have to do it again. No changes have been made. **Mr. Cole made the motion to approve the 2014 Certificate of Highway Mileage. Mr. Arrison seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

I. Authorize Select Board Chair to approve 2/17/14 Warrant with ratification by Select Board on 2/24/14: **Mr. Clattenburg made the motion to authorize the Select Board Chair to approve the 2/17/14 Warrants, Mr. Cole seconded the motion.** Mr. Arrison asked Mr. Mullen to mail copies to the Select Board members as he always does. **Motion passed unanimously.**

J. Review map of Town-owned properties: Mr. Mullen gave the Board members a map of town-owned properties and said these should be looked at each year.

5. Board of Liquor Control Commissioners. Mr. Boyer convened the Board of Liquor Control.

A. Scott Rogers, LLC/dba: Ascutney Market

-Second Class Liquor License Renewal Request: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the renewal application for a Second Class Liquor License for Scott Rogers, LLC. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

-Tobacco License Renewal Request: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the Tobacco license renewal application for Scott Rogers, LLC. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

6. Future Meeting Agenda Items: Town Meeting preparation, roadway and bridge standards, weight limit postings.

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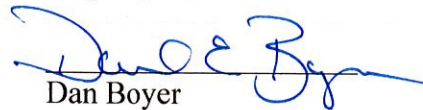
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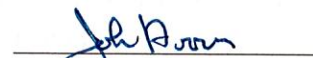
7. Executive Session/Personnel: **Mr. Fuller made the motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

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

Submitted by,
Lisa Slade

Approved by the Weathersfield Select Board on February 24, 2014


Dan Boyer


Norman John Arrison


C. Peter Cole


Dave Fuller