

# October 10, 2002

Present:

Selectmen: Elaine Luckey, Nick Solley, Harry Wyant

Elaine Luckey called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes of the September 26th meeting were approved as submitted.

## **Correspondence:**

**Waste Management:** A recent letter from Waste Management indicated concern about the weight of recent demolition loads. Harry reported he had instructed the transfer station attendant not to pack them too tight. He also reported the transfer station operator is certified as required by the State.

**Planning Commission Referral:** A letter from the Planning Commission reported they have no objection to the construction of a storage building by the fire company at the New Preston firehouse as required under CGS 8-24.

## **Old Business:**

**Asbestos Removal Bids:** The following bids were received for removal of asbestos insulation on the pipes in the lower level of the town hall:

- Abatement Industries Group, West Haven, CT  
Asbestos removal - 700 linear feet - \$16,813  
Reinsulation - \$3,800  
Total: \$20,613
- Asbestos Management Co., Torrington, CT  
Asbestos removal - 490 linear feet - \$10,380  
Reinsulation - \$2,100  
Total \$12,480
- Infinity Environmental Services, Mt. Vernon, NY  
Asbestos removal (no specific # ft. given) - \$19,490  
Reinsulation - \$6,980  
Total \$26,470

Due to the discrepancy in linear feet, pipes will be measured to determine the correct footage. Nick Solley made a motion to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Asbestos Management Co., for \$12,480 pending measurement clarification. Harry Wyant seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. This project will be referred to the Board of Finance for their October 21st meeting.

**Gunn Hill Road:** Selectmen are awaiting plans from the engineer.

**Personnel Policies:** Elaine reported the Military Reserve Office has indicated they would send notification to the Town of an employee's military obligations if so requested. The Town will request the notification once the Personnel Policies are approved.

## **New Business:**

**Refund of Taxes:** Upon the request of the Tax Collector, Elaine Luckey made a motion to refund taxes in the amount of \$2,022.15 to Wayne and Carol Anderson due to duplicate payment. Nicholas Solley seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

**Recycling List:** Elaine reported window envelopes and junk mail may now be included with newspapers when recycling. Signs denoting this change will be placed at the transfer station, as well as on our website.

**Battery Program:** A request has been received from the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation to participate in the collection of portable rechargeable batteries. Boxes for this purpose will be provided and placed in the town hall and at the Senior Center. There will be no costs to the Town nor to residents.

**BRRFOC-Transfer Station:** In the event that the Town's repository for solid waste is unable to handle materials, BRRFOC has asked that the Town accept refuse from the Town of Warren. The refuse, along with the Town's, would then be hauled to another site, possibly as far as Maine. BRRFOC would pay any additional costs resulting from this change. It was agreed to contact Stone Construction to determine if they would be available to handle the additional hauling responsibility. Elaine will also review our contract with BRRFOC.

**Building and Property Commission:** The men's bathroom, as well as the town hall's electrical system, will be referred to the Building & Property Commission for future review.

**Public Phone:** The Washington Grange has provided pay phone service in the town hall for several years. They no longer feel they are able to continue to carry these costs. The Selectmen discussed use of this phone and it was felt that it is used regularly by the public. It was agreed the Town could take on this financial responsibility but would not begin until the next fiscal year. Elaine will contact Matt Kain of the Washington Grange to find out if this is agreeable.

**Legislation re Town Clerk's Assistant:** It was agreed the proposal to consider an ordinance regarding the appointment of assistants to the Town Clerk needs further review.

**Discontinued Roads:** Elaine suggested the Town review abandoned town roads for the purpose of formal discontinuance. It was suggested a committee be set up to review these roads and make recommendations on individual roads, which would then be presented for consideration at future town meetings. It was agreed a careful review would be required and that only a few should be considered at a time.

**Use of Town Buildings:** The very high cost of obtaining liability insurance for using town buildings such as the pavilion, bowling alley, etc. for small events was discussed. It was felt that residents who apply to use town buildings for very small occasions could be asked to sign a waiver of liability and present their homeowner's policy. Use of the buildings for larger events would still require insurance coverage as stipulated in the application. This will be at the discretion of the Selectman's Office. Harry Wyant so moved, seconded by Nicholas Solley and unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Gollow, Selectman's Assistant