

July 23, 2009

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Nicholas Solley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Selectmen: Nicholas Solley, James Brinton

Press: Ann Compton, VOICES

Guests: Valerie Friedman, Tony Bedini

Minutes:

Jim Brinton moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2009 meeting as submitted. Nick Solley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Selectmen's Report:

Beach Property/Beach House:

Nick reported an invitation to bid for the excavation of the beach property has been extended, with bids due on August 13th at 4:00 p.m. This project will follow the demolition of the current beach house and construction of a new house. An inspection of the current building for hazardous materials has been completed. Small amounts of asbestos and lead paint were found and a qualified contractor will remove these materials. Demolition and removal of this building will begin after Labor Day. All required town permits have been obtained for construction of the new building. Excavation of the property will follow.

Highways:

Nick reported the chip-sealing road project for this season has been completed. Valerie Friedman commented on the positive upgrade to the roads and a job well done. The Selectmen agreed.

Education:

Tony Bedini reported the Board of Education had received a letter reporting that an estimator had been hired at a cost of \$9,000 to price the list of primary school repairs by August 24. Once done, the Board of Ed will review which of the project would be bonded. Roof bids for the Roxbury and Bridgewater schools were due July 22nd. Two prices have been received for the WPS roof.

Tony noted he was very impressed with the makeup of the newly-elected Board of Education. He felt, as did the other members of the Board by their unanimous decision, that Jim Hirschfield will be an excellent Chairman.

Tony hopes to take care of the water-management problems at the WPS and has gotten prices on this work. The water problems and the roof are his two priorities. The Selectmen noted their appreciation of Tony's efforts on behalf of the Town.

Texaco Station:

Jim Brinton reported the Board of Selectmen had written to the owner of the former Texaco station in the Depot. Jim spoke with one of the owners - Mr. Paul Ficalora. The Ficaloras have visited the site - much of which has fallen into disrepair - and reported they were very receptive to improving the appearance. Some contaminated soil remains on the property and testing will continue, possibly to be completed after three months.

Plumb Hill Road:

Tom Campbell of Plumb Hill Road has voiced his concern regarding the continuing runoff from the roadway through his property. The recent heavy rains have created a deeper gulley through his property and continue onto Route 47 near The Gunnery ponds. Lenard Engineering has completed the engineering aspects of this problem and the Town will move forward to remedy this situation as soon as possible. Highway Director Kevin Smith will have someone price it out to see if Town budgeted funds are “in the ball park.” An invitation to bid will be extended.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gollow
Acting Secretary