MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING
December 18, 2012
WINDSOR TOWN OFFICE

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Public Attending: Tom Reed.

Employees Attending: Theresa Haskell, (Town Manager) and Debbie French (Secretary to the Board).

Ray Bates called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for the passing of Jim Piper and the families of the children killed in Connecticut.

Previous Meeting Minutes:
Jonathan Adams made a motion to approve the Minutes dated 12-4-12 and the Special Minutes with the Transfer Station Committee on 12-11-12 as read seconded by Ronnie Brann and approved 4-0-1. Rick Gray abstained because he wasn’t here for the meeting on 12-11-12 meeting.

Public Comment: Tom Reed told the board that he attended the funeral for Jim Piper and related the details of his passing. Jim was the second one from the Transfer Station Committee to pass this year so we will need to get more members for that committee.

Public Works:
 a) Keith Hall is absent tonight because he has been out plowing and sanding and will need to get rested for the rest of the week.
 b) Truck # 4 is having issues and we will be sending it to Bangor. Maine-ly Towing said that they could do this for $500.00. We also asked Jeff Tardiff and he said that he can do it for $400.00 but he won’t be able to do it until Friday when he gets his truck back and we would also need to figure out a way to get it on and off the truck. Berry Dow said that he can do it tonight, but again we would need to figure out a way to get it on and off the truck. Theresa is recommending that we have Maine-ly Towing do this tomorrow as they can just hook it up and get it to Bangor. We have already tried to fix the issue and it needs to go to Bangor to hopefully be looked at Thursday and have it back on Friday. Keith and Theresa have talked with Steve McGee to see if he has another truck just in case we don’t have the truck back and Steve said that he does have another truck and he is more than willing to work with us. The board agreed to have the truck hauled to Bangor for the repair.

Transfer Station:
 a) Tim cannot be here tonight because they are down to one car at this time. He said everything at the Transfer Station is good.
 b) Theresa asked Tim to come in earlier when it snows to take care of the shoveling and cleaning up the yard. Right now we don’t have any place to put the snow because everything is in the way, so we will need to do this manually.
 c) Ronnie asked if Theresa had gotten an answer about an oil tank at the garage from DEP. Theresa said she has not at this present time. There was discussion regarding how they would get the oil to the tank at
the Transfer Station for the plow trucks. Jonathan will get some prices for a tank tomorrow. Tom Reed said that he will check on a tag-along trailer with a 250 gallon tank which would give them fuel at a lower cost through the State and would save having to take the sander off and on each time fuel was needed.

d) We will have to wait until spring to do the painting on the steel for the Transfer Station Building.

Consideration of Payment Warrants #26 & #27: Ronnie Brann made a motion to approve warrant #26 & #27 seconded by Jonathan Adams and approved 5-0-0.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

a) Ronnie contacted G&E Roofing and they said that they do not do the resurfacing of the Town Hall roof and also the old garage. He also spoke with Mitchell’s Metal Roofing in Freedom. His daughter does all the estimates and will be getting in touch with Theresa at some point this week.

Town Manager’s Items:

a) Theresa spoke with Keel Kempler and he is asking if the town has any money for a rat trap that will catch more than one rat at a time. He said that the cost would be around $100.00 per trap. He will be getting back to Theresa with an exact price. The Board of Selectmen said that they are willing to buy a few of the special traps to get rid of the rats. Ronnie said that we have spent so much money on this issue with lawyer fees and the Town’s Employees time that we need to take care of this any way we can.

b) Theresa looked into the definitions of roads, streets, lanes, boulevards etc. and shared the information with the board. The board said that beginning January 1, 2013 they recommend we go by the definitions that are on the internet.

Selectmen’s Items:

a) Rick Gray, Jr. said that he would like to compliment Keith on the fine job on the roads this last storm and how good they look.

b) Ray said that we have money in the budget for a sexton and we have someone who is willing to do it and he has been doing it for several years with no compensation. Tom Reed goes to the cemeteries on his own time using his own gas to take care of the cemeteries. Tom said that he spends at least 200 hours per year on the cemeteries. Ray thinks that we should start making that right. Theresa said that it is in the budget right now in the amount of $3,000.00 which would be $750.00 a quarter. Since we have not paid Tom Reed at all this year he will be paid $1,500.00 for the next two quarters. Theresa suggested that we pay Tom $1,000.00 in January, March and June. Ronnie Brann made a motion to pay Tom $1,000.00 in January, March and June seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0.

c) Ronnie Brann said that we need to start thinking about making a new cemetery since Rest Haven is very full. Tom said that he had spoken with Donald Jeane about buying his land across from Rest Haven Cemetery. Since Donald passed away this year we do not know who will purchase the land … if anyone.

Chairman Ray Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on 1-2-13 with the following amendments: None

The next regular Board of Selectmen’s Meeting will be on January 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie French
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen