



MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
JUNE 18, 2013  
WINDSOR TOWN OFFICE

Note: These minutes may not be considered an official public record until such time as they are read and accepted by the Board of Selectmen Members.

Members present: Ray Bates, Dan Gordon, and Rick Gray. Ronald Brann arrived at 6:42 p.m and Jonathan Adams arrived at 7:05 p.m.

**Ray Bates called the Board of Selectmen's Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Employee's Attending:** Theresa Haskell, (Town Manager), Keith Hall (Road Supervisor), and Tim Coston (Transfer Station Attendant and ACO Backup).

**Public Attending:** Tom Reed, John McCormack, Lori Brann, and Robert Hewett.

**Previous Meeting Minutes: Dan Gordon made a motion to approve the Minutes dated 6-4-13 as written, seconded by Rick Gray Jr. and approved 4-0-0.**

**Tax Sale Bid:**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
1.	Gordon Sawyer	\$26,000.00	\$10,000.00
2.	John McCormack	\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00
3.	Robert C. Hewett	\$5,000.00	\$500.00
4.	Lori Brann	\$10,250.00	\$1,025.00
5.	Cliff & Lori Brann	\$10,250.00	\$1,025.00 Personal Check

**Rick Gray Jr., made a motion to reject the bid from Cliff & Lori Brann because of the personal check, seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 3-0.**

Ronnie Brann said he feels that he would like to see Robert Hewett retain his property. He feels that this was his father's property and now it is his and he feels that it would be nice to see this stay in the Hewett's name. Ronnie said he knows that there are higher bids out there. Lori said that they have worked out a deal with Robert and they are willing to give him life time accessibility to the land. Ronnie said that we are not here to own property we are here to collect the taxes.

**Ronnie Brann made a motion to accept the bid from Robert Hewett of \$5,000.00, seconded by Rick Gray Jr. and approved 4-0-0.**

**Public Comment:** Tom Reed said the students at Erskine Academy need community service and he would like to find out how to get some kids help with Rest Haven for recording the

inventory of the lots as community service. Theresa said she knows that as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 any 8<sup>th</sup> grader going into 9<sup>th</sup> can earn credits for community service. Theresa said she would make a few phone calls. Tom said he met the guy that works at St. George's Transfer Station and he has invited the Town of Windsor's Board of Selectmen to come and look at it, so Tom was wondering if anyone is interested in going, if so, we should give them a call and let them know when we could go.

#### **Public Works:**

- Keith said he has had done a lot of running around today.
- They did finish ditching and culverts on the Barton Road from Weeks Mills Road end to the Jones Road.
- Tomorrow and Thursday they will be headed up to the other end of the Barton Road to do more ditching and culverts but Keith is taking the next two days off. He has Ray, Tim and Marvin working.
- Keith said next Monday he will be looking to go to the Weeks Mills Road to replace culverts.
- The price on doing the two culverts on the Maxcy's Mills Road from Shaw Brothers was \$9,546.00 which is at least two times the amount of what the Town can do this for. Keith has talked with Marvin about getting this done and he said we could do this within the next two weeks.
- Keith said he has had some people ask about grading the Reed Road and the Piper Road. Keith said he will have someone do the Reed Road but he will be doing the Piper Road himself. Ray Bates said there are some pot holes on the end of the Legion Park Road. Keith said he did some patching last week on Tuesday but still needs to do some more. He said he will be getting to the rest of what needs to be done as soon as he can.
- Ray Bates asked about where he plans on doing brush cutting. Keith said he has some on the Barton Road, Choate Road, Hunts Meadow Road and where needed.
- Keith said he will need a culvert on the Wingood Road up by Blake Demerchant's that still needs to be done.
- Rick Gray asked about the sand bill and Keith said we have the sand shed filled already for next winter.
- Rick asked Keith how the snowplow contractor worked out. Keith said "The driver was very good about getting here and that there was very little equipment issues". The Board of Selectmen commented that the snow plow contracting has really proven to be good for the Town.

#### **Transfer Station:**

- Tim said we finally got the Trash ~~Trailer~~ Container back and fixed. The first can we had the binders didn't fit and now they have straightened it out and welded the seam so now we have double steel. It did take a phone call from one of the Board of Selectmen to make this happen. Tom Reed asked if we were going to get a bill from this. Theresa said this should have been done in the first place so if we get a bill we will definitely have a discussion.
- Tim did cut down the bamboo down back. Ray asked if we have anything to spray to get rid of this. Tim said he has some round-up left and he plans on using this again.
- Tim said he is planning on picking up the metal down back within the next week and he will have to move the metal culverts before he does this.

- Ray asked about how the new building is going. Tim said we still need lighting and that the water does come in and sits. He did go over and borrow the squeegee from the Public Works and has recommended that they get one.

**Consideration of Payment Warrants: Ronnie Brann made a motion to approve Warrants #53 & #54, seconded by Rick Gray Jr. and approved 5-0-0.**

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Town Manager's Items:**

- A. Write-Offs -** Theresa said that the Abatement/Write Off Accounts remaining balance is \$7,932.82 and she recommends we use this money towards a Personal Property Account under the name of Holt Company of Texas. **Ronnie Brann made a motion to use the \$7,931.83 of the remaining Abatement/Write Off Account to be used towards the Holt Company of Texas Personal Property Account, seconded by Jonathan Adams and approved 5-0-0.**
- B. Town Meeting –** The Town Meeting had 34 people that attended and passed the budget. Ray said that the only thing that was different on the budget was the difference between what the Board of Selectmen voted in on the Outside Agencies compared to what the Budget Committee had voted for. The Budget Committee amount was less and this is what was approved. The overall increase for the School side of the budget was \$1.68 and the Town side of the mil rate was \$0.21. The finalization of the budget ended putting the Town of Windsor's mil rate to be \$1.00 more than last year which includes the School, Town and County at the time of the Town Meeting. The School's budget is not finalized at this time. Ray said the appropriations committee has included in the EPS formula money to cover the retirement of the teachers for at least one year. So if it is vetoed then it can change again.
- C. Electronic Sign –** Ray suggests we investigate the cost of an electronic sign. The Board of Selectmen asked Theresa to look into a price on a two sided sign with four to five lines.
- D. Certificate of Appointments –**
  - 1. **Rick Gray Jr. made a motion to appoint Jeff Frankel as an Appeals Board Member, seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0.**
  - 2. **Rick Gray Jr. made a motion to appoint Betty Burgess as an Appeals Board Member, seconded by Jonathan Adams and approved 5-0-0.**
  - 3. **Rick Gray Jr. made a motion to appoint Mary Ellen Peaslee as an Appeals Board Member Alternate, seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0.**
  - 4. **Rick Gray Jr. made a motion to appoint Carol Chavarie as a Planning Board Member, seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0.**
  - 5. **Rick Gray Jr. made a motion to appoint Thomas Reed as a Planning Board Member, seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0.**
  - 6. **Rick Gray Jr. made a motion to appoint F. Gerard Nault as a Planning Board Member, seconded by Ronnie Brann. Much discussion. The vote failed 1-3-1. Ronnie Brann abstained and said he doesn't want his personal opinion to interfere with Town business.**

7. **Rick Gray Jr. made a motion to appoint William Appel Jr. as a Planning Board Member, seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0.**
  8. **Ronnie Brann made a motion to appoint F. Gerard Nault as a Planning Board Alternate, seconded by Rick Gray Jr. 3-2-0.**
- E. Ray Bates made a motion to move \$565.36 from Administration to Elections, seconded by Ronnie Brann and approved 5-0-0.**
- F. Training on the DS200 for Election Clerks in Augusta in August.**
- G. Press Release regarding the Town of Windsor has received a Safety Enhancement Grant awarded by the Maine Municipal Association for \$1,305.17 for Traffic Safety (Vests, Cones, Barricade I & II) for the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department.**

**Selectmen's Items:** Ray Bates said we received an official notification on the Withdrawal Committee's Plan that we have 90 days beginning June 10, 2013 to come up with a plan. The next meeting is Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. We received an electronic copy of the Wiscasset's Withdrawal Plan and it goes on for 18 pages. We also have a copy of Monmouth's Withdrawal Plan and it is less pages. Ray asked if we would like to do a Press Release to the Townspeople regarding the Town Meeting. Some members asked about seeing it before it is published by sending an email to them and everyone agreed.

**Ray Bates declared this meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

**The next regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be on July 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on July 2, 2013 with the following amendments under Transfer Station changing the wording from Trash "**Trailer**" to Trash "**Container**".

Respectfully submitted by;

Theresa L. Haskell  
Town Manager  
Town of Windsor