

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes

Date: November 9, 2011

Time: 7:10 p.m.

Members present: Peter McMurray and Joe Casey

Community Development Strategy Review (Kevin Flynn) He states that this CDSR is to show how they document and determine what guideline are used to establish what benefits are available to the Town of Ashby. Currently looking into repaving Jewett Hill Rd. and continuing the housing rehabilitation grant. He will come back in two weeks with a finished guideline for the Selectmen's review. He states that Jewett Rd. project does not require further signatures from residents of that road. The signatures are good for 3 years. Would like the residents of Town to contribute any suggestions or ideas they may have. Lillian Whitney asked who else is on the "committee" to work on this process. KF states it is not a committee. She states she feels the process is too long.

Kevin Flynn of MRPC has requested a copy of the minutes of this meeting.

Sustainable Economic Development Report Presentation (Alan Pease) Showed Selectmen what the presentation looks like that they will have at the Library on November 19, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ashby Public Library. JC questioned whether 1 meeting on a Saturday would be ample for the townspeople to attend. He felt this was ample. PM asked that if the turnout was not good that he would like to see a second meeting held. Selectmen thanked Alan Pease for all the work he put into this.

Request for Discussion with Selectmen regarding Dog Complaint (Steve Maskewich): Present were Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Steve Maskewich. Dog Officer Mary Letourneau states that this has been ongoing. Fence previously set up was knocked down by ice storm. Electric fence is now in place. Stockade fence has been replaced. She states that the Palmers have complied with all her requests and suggestions. Would like to have someone go look at fence. PM will go again. Sgt. Alden states the police dept. has been involved done reports within their jurisdiction. Most of calls and complaints made centered on the dogs. He states there have been no Criminal Complaints made. Mrs. Palmer states they have done everything to address any complaints or issues made. They have security cameras around their premises to prove their dogs do not go onto the other resident's property. Palmer's have 3 Labs and complainant has 2. Dog Officer said she has sat at various places around the properties and states she has never seen the dogs off their property. Mr. Maskewich states he is now finishing his portion of the fence so the dogs cannot see under the fence. Mrs. Palmer states she doesn't know what to do to resolve issues. JC thinks that problems are going beyond the dogs and now involve the adults. ML states the "Dogs are now the excuse" for the neighbor problems. JC suggested a change in schedule for letting the dogs out might help.

PM states that if the complaints continue to come in then the Selectmen may have to make some decisions for them. Both parties agreed to help each other with the fence and shook on it. Parties seemed to speaking nicely with each other before they left. Selectmen and parties seem to be pleased with results of meeting.

2) Motion to approve minutes of October 27, 2011.

Motion: Joe Casey

Seconded: Peter McMurray

Vote: Unan

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Request for Selectmen's appointment of Joseph Laszlo as Broadcast Technician, Employee-at-Will: Doug Brigg's requested this be postponed until next Selectmen's meeting to allow Jack Pankosky to obtain Joe's work permit. Selectmen agreed.

Selectmen's Discussion of School Budget: Doug Briggs gave an update on monies and School's Budget Change taken from another school account – did not effect this year's assessment.

9) Motion to approve Resolution in Support of H1972 "An Act Regulating Election Primaries".

Motion: Joe Casey

Seconded: Peter McMurray

Vote: Unan

10) Motion to approve and sign on Highway Union Memorandum of Agreement.

Motion: Joe Casey

Seconded: Peter McMurray

Vote: Unan

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report. Next Scheduled meeting of the Selectmen will be on Tuesday November 22, 2011 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Public Comments (if any) PM and JC wanted to thank everyone for their support and help during the snow storm of 2 weeks ago - especially Mike Bussell, Emergency Management Director, Tim Seymour, Deputy Director and the Fire Chief and Fire Department. Thanks to all Departments. for their help.

Doug Briggs requested a representative from the Board of Selectmen for the School Budget Taskforce. First Meeting is Saturday, November 19th.

Doug Briggs had a request from Mike Bussell to apply for a grant of \$6400.00 for an electronic sign to notify residents in the events of Emergencies, Closures and other Town Events.

Doug Briggs has a meeting on Monday with DEP at the Town Common to see what can be done to go ahead with the Town Common well certification as a Public Well.

JC requested all reports from the bridge work on Wheeler Rd. in Townsend.

Girls Scouts are collecting non-perishable foods on Saturday. They would like to have the bags outside by 9:00 am.

Postcards for Senior Holiday Dinner need to be returned to Legion by November 17th.

11) Motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Motion: Joe Casey

Seconded: Peter McMurray

Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Date Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____