

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES OF MEETING August 10, 2010

Members Present: Robert Bartini, Chairman, David Forrest, Bill Enser, Roger Scheurer, (absent), Peter Jahn, Monica Ryan

Others Present: Bob Nason, Mike Towler, Matt Larsen, Jan Smith, Chris Connell, Dan & Angela Niculescu

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM.

Highway Dept.

Backhoe/loader update – Bob Nason

Bob Nason informed the Board that there were 5 bids. The low bid was from Volvo, but it had too many minor variations. The second low bid was from JCB. It had less minor variations than Volvo and an award was made at the Select Board meeting. CAT was the highest bid and met all the requirements. They have sent a letter of their concern. A meeting was held with Sheffield, Bob Nason, Chris Pompei and the sales reps from CAT. Sheffield stated that they could not pay the price for the backhoe that CAT was asking for. Bob Nason stated that the Town will have to void the procurement if CAT protested. They (CAT) will have until Thursday, August 12, 2010 to file a protest. There will be a meeting with Volvo on Monday.

Paving Update

Bob Nason informed the Board that today was Dennis Kelly's first day back. Because of this, previously there was not enough help to get the bid out.

Waste Water Dept.

Water Dept.

Water Shutoffs

Jan Smith reported that there are 129 water accounts that are overdue totaling \$95,298.67. September 13, 2010 will be the water shutoff date for those who have not paid or made arrangements. She handed out a copy to the Board of the letter that will be going out to those accounts. Curb stops will be painted and door hanger notices will be used. Bob Nason handed out the most recent regulations on water shutoffs. This will be mentioned at the next Select Board meeting.

Other

Sewer/Water Regulations

The Board reviewed and discussed the outstanding issues on the sewer/water regulations. The regulations are now ready to be published. Bob Nason will write a calendar for action. The proposed new regulations will be published on the Town's web site.

Abatements –

Cernick/Connell

Mike Towler handed out and discussed with the Board his calculations for an abatement for Chris Connell. Mr. Connell had received a shutoff notice in error. After discussion Bill Enser made a motion and David Forrest seconded to grant Chris Connell an abatement totaling \$13,954.57. The motion passed unanimously. Any further abatement to this was taken under consideration, the issues being how far back an abatement can go and for how much. The leak is not in question.

Niculescu/Keenans old house on Theresa Terrace

Angela Niculescu reviewed the over-billing problem with the Board. The cause is not known. A plumber was called and found no leaks. Mike Towler told the Board that the meter was reading fine. David Forrest stated that the Board needs to have a discussion to see what the history is on other similar abatements before a decision is made. The Niculescu's water will not be shutoff.

Approve Minutes from the July 13, 2010 BPW meeting

Bill Enser made a motion and David Forrest seconded to approve, the BPW July 13, 2010 meeting minutes. The motion passed. Monica Ryan abstained from the vote.

The next BPW meeting will be Tuesday August 24, 2010, 3:30 p.m. at 45 Railroad St., Lee.

Executive Session

At 4:50 Chairman Bartini called for a roll call vote to go into executive meeting regarding litigation, not to return to regular meeting afterwards. Robert Bartini, yes, David Forrest, yes, Bill Enser, yes, Peter Jahn, yes, Monica Ryan, yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Vania

cc: Selectman
Town Administrator
Town Assessor
Town Clerk
Town Treasurer
Planning/Zoning Board
Building Inspector
Tax Collector