

July 19th, 2010

Selectboard Present- Alphonso Barker, Kenneth Pelletier, Louise Chabot, Bill Demaray, and Jim Collins

The BOS were introduced to an idea that the Chisholm Trails group presented for an alternative approach to replacing the Town Office wall that was destroyed. On hand were Chisholm Trails Co-Chair Phil Poirier and Landscape Architect Chris DiMatteo. Phil explained how the group has emerged and how they have received pro bono landscape architecture work. Chris explained two ideas that were identified by the group. Sketches of the work are included in the minutes. The idea is create a green buffer of trees and grass to upgrade the façade. There was discussion over loss of spaces, maintenance, and handicap accessibility. The BOS agreed to continue with the plans until a construction plan can be made. The wall will not be repaired and shall be removed as soon as practical.

Consideration of minutes for July 6th, 2010 Jim mm to accept, Alphonso s. 5-0

Old Business:

School Consolidation: The TM explained the most current RPC actions. All RPC information was reviewed.

Bid Policy: The TM brought several other municipal purchasing policies for review. The BOS majority agreed that the previous proposed policy made by the TM was the most desirable. Language that needed to be changed was identified and the TM was directed to implement the changes for review. Val Nichols shared his support for the previously adopted policy.

New Business:

Wage Increases: The BOS reviewed the budgeted and desired wages for non-union employees. Bill mm to approve wage increases, Jim s. 3-2(Ken and Alphonso voted no)

Planning Board Appointments: Bill mm to reappoint Fran Szostek and Scott Roberts to the Planning Board, Alphonso s. 5-0

Budget Committee Appointments: The TM recommended that the newly adopted Budget Committee follow the previously used term format for members. Bill mm to appoint Mellette Pepin, Scott Roberts, John Ross, Ronnie Sanborn, and George Cummings to the Budget Committee, Louise s. 5-0

Spruce Mountain Board: Bill mm to appoint Kristal Flagg to the Spruce Mountain Board, Alphonso s. 5-0

MMA Annual Vote: The TM explained that the BOS have one vote to cast for MMA vice-president and the three Directors. The Directors are running unopposed. The TM recommended voting for Clint Deschene from Hermon as VP. Jim mm to vote for Clint Deschene as VP of MMA, Alphonso s. 5-0

Jim mm to vote for the three unopposed directors as presented, Louise s. 5-0

Acceptance of Recreational Equipment: The TM has been approached by a man that wants to remain anonymous about recreational equipment. He would like to donate swings and play equipment for children. The BOS discussed the terms of accepting equipment. Bill explained that if the equipment's material is acceptable and insurable it would be accepted. The BOS directed the TM to thank the gentleman.

Manager's Comments: The TM explained that 1 Birch Street has not been turned back over to the owner after the demolition of the building. The process is almost complete. The Transfer Station upgrades are almost complete and the compactors are expected soon.

Public Session:

Val Nichols is concerned that the demolition crew that took down 1 Birch Street salvaged property that belonged to the owner. He claims the owner is proud that his taxes are paid and he never used GA. Bill explained that this all was approved by a ME judge.

Ken Smith would like to know if he can pay in installments. The TM suggested that the property owner come in to see him.

Cora Briggs explained that concerned citizens could help pay the penalty.

Bill mm to sign warrants, Jim s. 5-0

Bill mm to adjourn, Jim s. 5-0