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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 31, 2017  
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Call to Order – 6:00 P.M.

Present: Gary Widowiak, Thomas Haluch, Steve Santos, Alex Simao  
Absent: Barry Linton, Chairman

APPOINTMENTS None

CORRESPONDENCE #879 Letter from Board of Health Re: Rabies Clinic

Mr. Wdowiak read the letter which asked for the DPW to again host the rabies clinic at their facility on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Mr. Simao made the motion to agree to make the facility available to the BOH. Mr. Haluch seconded, all in favor 4-0.

Next was an application for a drainlayer's license with the Town of Ludlow for David Fernandes. Mr. Simao asked how we knew the person was qualified. Mr. Haluch said he knew of him and his work and he is very qualified. Amy replied that we had his insurance and a bond in hand. Mr. Simao made the motion to approve the request for an application by David Fernandes. . Mr. Santos seconded, all in favor 4-0.

Mr. Haluch said that all permits should go through this Board for approval. To move things forward we should, as a Board designate a person, Jim Goodreau or Ken Batista to sign these permits. He said his problem is that Town Hall never notified us that they had certified Ken and Jim on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to sign and the meeting was not posted so it is not legal. Gas or Water Dept. emergencies would be the only exception. Mr. Santos asked, what if we skip a meeting? Mr. Haluch replied that in that case we should have three board members come into the office to sign off on them. Mr. Haluch then made a motion to have someone certified to sign. Mr. Simao seconded, all in favor 4-0

Next is Ken Batista's report (see attached) which Mr. Wdowiak read aloud. Discussion about two of the pump stations which had to be pumped out by Clean Septics and there was a lot of grease at the Chapin Street pump station. It also had to be pumped out by the same company. Motion by Mr. Santos to overlay Poole Street to East Street and also Aldo Drive. We can look at Deroche and Helene Streets later. Seconded by Mr. Haluch. All in favor 4-0.

Mr. Wdowiak read a letter to the Board from Local 98 re: GPS (see attached). They asked for a reply. Any questions? None.

He also said he had a reply from Fleet Matic regarding five vehicles that had problems with the GPS (see attached). Mr. Wdowiak said it sounds like they are being tampered with. Mr. Simao asked did we know who the person was? Mr. Wdowiak said we could go back to the last time that the unit registered and track it. Since we had a budget restraint of \$10,000 not all of the vehicles were equipped with a GPS. We need a list of the vehicles that do not have this equipment. Mr. Wdowiak said all the vehicles should have them. Mr. Simao asked would this add to the \$800 plus charge that we pay each month? He was told no, the monthly fee would stay the same, we would just have to buy additional units to go into the unequipped trucks. Mr. Simao asked if they were easy to remove. Mr. Wdowiak said they are attached under the dash board. Mr. Santos asked Mr. Haluch if he had done negotiations with the union in the past and did the Selectmen participate? He also asked if the crews were required to go back to the DPW for lunch? Mr. Simao said we should respond to the union letter. A discussion then ensued as to bringing lunch on the job etc. Mr. Wdowiak said we are done with the GPS discussion.

Next we have the Articles for Town Meeting. (see attached) Amy explained that it was for them to look over and comment on, they don't have to be in until February 28<sup>th</sup>. #1 is regarding the Purple Bag Program. Mr. Wdowiak asked if this comes up every year. Amy replied yes, the amount is \$26,000 for the factory to make the bags. #2 is Center Street, \$727,526. Mr. Santos asked Mr. Haluch if he had contacted the BETA Group? Mr. Haluch replied yes he had and we are waiting for the appraisers report, there are now some signs that have to be removed and replaced at a cost of \$120,000. Mr. Santos said he was told by the Town Planner that if each company does not have a site plan for the signs it would cost \$15,000 each. The high cost comes in with the electronic signs. Mr. Simao asked if this was the end of the additional monies. It seems like there are always things being added on. Mr. Haluch mentioned that in a letter from Shirley Shiver of Mass DOT she asked if we had considered asking for donations of the temporary easements from the abutters. He said he thought we should be pro-active and send a letter to each person now and not wait for the appraisers report. He said we should explain that we are in a financial crunch. Mr. Santos said this figure could go up or down. Mr. Haluch said that years ago when we did East Street it was around \$2 per square foot and now it is \$8.50. We should reply to Shirley's letter. Mr. Simao said that is a good idea Tom, do we have a price for the appraisers? Yes, it is included there. #3 and #4 are Chapter 90 items, just routine. Mr. Haluch said he would like to see an article on for the Grange (First Meeting House) to get a matching grant from Town Meeting for installation of the elevator and the bathrooms. Without and elevator, the building cannot be used. We have done so much it is a shame not to finish it. It is a National Historic Building. The ball got dropped after Mr. Dzubek left. Why don't we call Steve Jablonski, he has all the plans, etc. Amy said we will do that.

Jim Goodreau's report is next (see attached). Mr. Wdowiak read it aloud. Mr. Haluch said someone should be in the Engineering office from 8:30 to 4:30 to accommodate the public. We need to get the ad in for a new Director as soon as possible. He asked Amy to e-mail a copy of the ad to each member before putting it in. Mr. Simao wants the Board to look at the Construction within the Public Way booklet to see if any changes should be made as to enforcement of permitting etc. They could do one section at the end of each meeting to get it ready for spring. Mr. Santos motioned to accept Mr. Goodreau's report, Mr. Simao seconded. All in favor 4-0

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Mr. Haluch said he would like to see copies of any correspondence with the Planning Board, anything to do with the sub-divisions should come before our Board before going to Planning. Discussion ensued regarding this subject.

Vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:409 p.m. by Mr. Santos, seconded by Mr. Haluch. All in favor 4-0.

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