

## MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING DECEMBER 30, 2008

Chairman Foyle called the meeting to order at 7 PM in the Senior Center with all members present.

### I. OLD BUSINESS

B. Tree Warden Tony Holway came in to explain the \$18,480 in costs that he has submitted for cleanup after the recent ice storm, and to give an estimate of the work that still needs to be done. Mr. Holway reported that the first task was to clear away any fallen trees to open roads for emergency vehicles, and they he and three other crews went back and cleared the sides of the roads. He reported that there are still many hanging limbs and trees with no tops that need to be taken down. Most of the damage was from the center of town northward. He projects that there is still \$25,000 - \$35,000 worth of work still to be done. Mr. Holway will start with the roads most traveled, and work outward to the less traveled roads.

Mr. Foyle asked that residents help out by taking care of anything they can in their own yards. Mr. Holway cautioned that residents should not do anything dangerous.

A. Mr. Foyle reviewed an e-mail from Rich Quateman of SEA Consultants regarding the soil contamination behind the Town House. The town is required to submit a Phase II Comprehensive Site Assessment and a Phase III Remedial Action Plan by December 14, 2009. Mr. Quateman noted that the scope of work that would be required in order to complete these two documents is significant. SEA would like a letter stating that the town intends to sole-source this work to SEA before proceeding with the preparation of the scope of work. Mr. Foyle noted that the town does not have the funds to proceed, and to ask Mr. Quateman to prepare a letter to DEP asking for an extension.

### II. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Treasurer, Town Clerk, and Assessors all submitted spending requests for the month of January. Among the requests, the treasure asked for tax forms, the clerk asked for a town meeting book and paper, and the assessors asked for toner for their copy machine and printer. The selectmen noted that all of the requests looked like necessary spending, and were approved.

B. Mr. Foyle noted that the Highway Superintendent is not paid overtime, but the Sewer and Water Superintendents are. Mr. Foyle would like to see if there is a way to equalize the situation. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Petraitis

seconded, a motion to investigate and develop an overtime compensation plan for the highway superintendent. So voted.

C. Mr. Foyle stated that we need to create a handicapped parking place in front of the new town offices. Leslie will talk to Gary about this.

D. Mr. Foyle also noted that we need to put in floor mats in the new town offices, as the wood floors are very slippery when wet. Leslie will talk to Troy about this.

Mr. Petraitis wished everyone a safe and happy new year. Mrs. Walter thanked town officials for their cooperation during the recent budget process. Also, she noted that the annual town census will be coming out soon, and included with the census is a questionnaire asking residents what they want to do about the Town House. Mr. Foyle wished everyone a healthy and peaceful new year.

At 8 PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton  
Administrative Assistant