

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2012

PRESENT: Board of Selectmen: Ted Poirier, Scott Littlefield, Gerry Taylor;
Treasurer/Selectmen Clerk Angela Cushman, CEO Jim Roberts

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter & Joan Warren, Kathleen & Ken Booker, Benjamin Booker, Tom McKenney, John Gay, Teresa Steindl, Mike Polakewich, Yvonne & Rick Shaw, Majorie Lord, Mark Chabot, Peter & Diane Dunn, David Paul, Susan Ryan, Tony & Shirley Jandreau, Rand Clark, Valerie Cole, Dan Plourde

*Selectmen Ted Poirier declared the meeting open at 18:00.
Agenda approved by Selectmen.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPOINTMENTS:

OLD BUSINEES:

1. Fire Commission. The Board of Selectmen will interview residents that are interested in being a member on the Fire Commission prior to the next Selectmen's Meeting. The Fire Department has submitted the audit necessary for the grant process.
2. Road Update. No updates at this time.
3. Shooting Range. Jim Roberts, CEO, communicated that the Mr. Wessell, Fish & Game representative, came in with a sketch plan showing that they want to extend the roof and add walls to an existing shelter for the rifle range. Jim has requested more information from the Fish & Game before he would issue a building permit. Gerry Taylor to visit the shooting range to determine what is the current layout as it exists today. Teresa Steindl asked whether the acoustical engineer has been involved with this latest development. Jim Roberts communicated that he will be requesting to see a report from the acoustical engineer prior to issuing a building permit.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Selectmen held a Public Hearing regarding the new maximum overall limits for General Assistance that was passed by the last legislative session establishing maximums at 90% of the maximum level of assistance in effect

on April 1, 2012. After hearing public comment the Selectmen closed the hearing. **Scott Littlefield made a motion to adopt the ordinance in its posted form; 2nd Gerry Taylor. Passed 3/0.**

2. The Selectmen held a Public Hearing regarding lifting weight limit restrictions on Hollis Rd. Scott Littlefield read the following memo received from the Planning Board dated June 6, 2012.

On June 5, 2012, the Dayton Planning Board voted to remove Condition 4, page 2, of the Conditional Use Permit issued to Dearborn Brothers Inc on June 11, 2002. Previously Condition 4 stated that “No tri-axle or larger trucks, whether owned or leased by the Permit Holder or owned and/or under the control of others, shall be permitted to make use of the pit.” Subsequently, Condition 19, page 3, shall be amended so that a sign stating “no loaded truck shall exceed twenty-five tons in weight” is no longer required at the entrance/exit of the site. Other conditions of the Conditional Use Permit remain in effect. This amendment will need Selectmen approval.

Ron Dearborn said that with the rise in cost of fuel, the company needed to figure out a way to reduce costs. He stated that there is no more weight with tri-axle trucks which are 72,000 lbs loaded and 26,000 lbs unloaded. If they are overloaded they will receive fines of between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The tri-axle trucks are 9 ft wide same as trucks and they are 3 ft longer than a truck. David Paul stated that back in 2001 we went through a lengthy process on this issue and the conditional use permit was issued only with all of the stipulations on there. The finding of the planning board at that time was that the road needed upgrading and was not satisfactorily safe operations without the conditions listed on the permit. And the conditions being that these larger trucks would not be allowed. David Paul does not see how 10 years later the board can go back and change that decision without the road not being updated to a wider width and shoulder. There is poor visibility for Buda Lane and Jonathon Lane. The Grantham Pit and Dearborn Pit received conditional use permit stressing safe operations and to only use trucks and no tri-axle trucks. David questioned whether town officials on what expertise they have on road mechanics. Rick Shaw who lives on Buda Lane expressed his concerns on the safety of exiting Buda Lane. Mark Chabot was concerned about the safety of stopping of the tri-axle trucks. Ron Dearborn stated that since he has been operating for 10 years off Hollis Rd there have been no accidents and no calls regarding safety. Peter Dunn expressed his concerns about safety and increased traffic. The Conditional Use Permit issued to Dearborn bullet #12 states the Planning Board will request the Selectmen to conduct a road study. If such study should show that moving the Buda and Hollis Rd intersection closer to the Grantham property line would be desirable for safety reasons, the permit holder shall build such roadway. “Build” shall be interpreted to mean providing excavation, fill, foundation, culvert, etc., but not pavement. A Road Study was conducted and found that moving the intersection would create a more dangerous situation. Rich Chassen, Dearborn, trailer dumps are 9 ft wide and 18 ft long and tri-axles are 21 ft

long. There is a difference in weight but the stopping power is about the same. Dearborn has two tri-axles. Rich stated that residents should not see hardly a difference, if any, in the number of trucks on the road. Trailer dump trucks will continue to be restricted from Hollis Rd. Ron Dearborn indicated that he will put a sign up in the pit telling loaded trucks to turn left out of the pit towards route 5. Dave Paul communicated that a review of accidents from 1998-2001 indicates there 30 accidents and 2 of them involved trucks at the end of Hollis Rd towards route 5. Dearborn trucks were not involved in these accidents. Several residents asked if some work could be completed to make the road safer such as speed limit signs, shouldering and tree trimming. After discussion, **Scott Littlefield made a motion to order (6) 45 mph signs for Hollis Rd; 2nd by Gerry Taylor. Passed 3/0.** The Selectmen will also have the Road Commissioner mow, shoulder and trim trees along Hollis and Dyer Rd. **Scott Littlefield made a motion to raise the weight limit to 69,000 lbs on Hollis Rd from route 5 to Height Rd; 2nd by Gerry Taylor. Passed 3/0.** The Ordinance Regulating the Use and Weight of Certain Vehicles on Town Ways and Public Easements will need to be amended and signed by the Board of Selectmen. The Public Hearing was concluded.

3. Jim Roberts asked the Selectmen if they were interested in obtaining a deputy for his position of CEO. Jim will ask the Lyman CEO to see if she would be interested in being deputy for the Town of Dayton. **Scott Littlefield made a motion to select the Lyman CEO as the Deputy CEO for the Town of Dayton; 2nd Gerry Taylor. Passed 3/0.** Selectmen will appoint at next meeting.
4. RSU23. The Selectmen received a petition from some residents to withdraw from RSU23. **Scott Littlefield made a motion to accept the petition; 2nd by Gerry Taylor. Passed 3/0.** The City of Saco has also received a petition to withdraw and have started the withdrawal process. The Selectmen are in hopes to work with Saco with the withdrawal process. The Selectmen will hold a public hearing and set a voting date at the next Selectmen's meeting. Residents will be notified by email, website and postcard regarding the petition to withdraw and also that the Town will be voting on the RSU23 budget once again on July 31st. The RSU presented the same budget and made no effort to reduce the budget.
5. Managing Freedom of Access Requests Training. The Selectmen discussed who should attend this training and decided that one Selectman and one employee would attend the upcoming training in August.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Tom McKenney expressed an interest in being an alternate on the Saco River Corridor Commission. Selectmen will appoint at next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Resignation letter from Polly Plourde as a Budget Committee member.

SIGNED:

1. 07/05/12 A/P Warrant
2. 07/05/12 P/Y Warrant
3. Request for time off
4. DOT – URIP
5. RSU23 Budget Validation Referendum
6. Selectmen minutes

OUTSTANDING ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Scott Littlefield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 19:04.

*Minutes may not be verbatim they may have been paraphrased for clarity.

_____ Ted Poirier, Chair

_____ Gerry Taylor

_____ Scott Littlefield

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