



Selectmen's meeting 4/17/2013

Present: Dan Aho, Roberta Oeser, Sam Seppala-Absent

Also Present: Carlotta Lilback Pini, Nicole Sesia

Approved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Citizen's Forum

Dick Isakson from the Rindge Veterans Association requested the Selectmen recognize Memorial Day as the town event. Memorial Day will be May 29.

Dan made a motion to sanction the Memorial Day as a town event. Roberta seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Pat Martin commented on what a fabulous job Carlotta did on the energy conference this past weekend.

Dick Coll said that the flag pole at the meeting house should have a light on it, if it's going to be up all night. Mike Cloutier (director of Public works) offered to look into it or get someone to wire it.

Mike Cloutier said that the Destination Imagination team requested to set up near the entrance of the dump on April 27th for fundraising.

Dan motioned to allow the Destination Imagination team to set up at the dump on April 27 for fundraising, Roberta seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Roberta motioned to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll for weeks 4/11 and 4/18, Dan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Business development manager from Constellation Power- over the years we have seen a lot of price drop from the price competition (electricity). Constellation is a licensed provider, which serves about 40% of the electricity market. Our contract with Intergris ran out and their rates went up, so we are back with public service.. We need to make a decision on who can sign now, so when the time comes for the contract to be signed someone can accept it before rates change. Default rate (9% est) and competitive rates (7% est). Public service is about (9.5). Rodney Bartlett has been the leader in getting Constellation involved and increasing our pool to get better prices. Public service just increased there price significantly. Charlie Eicher- What is the contract length, renewal period? Constellation gives a 30 to 60 day notice prior to ending of contract. It has been a one year contract; there is a possibility of a 2 to 3 year contract, more likely to be a one year though. Constellation uses the same energy as we have been using, they take care of notifying PSNH but Constellation energy rate discount is applied. Constellation is one of the largest generators, largest competitors, and clean natural gas fire generation.

Dan motioned to authorize Carlotta to sign the contract as long as the savings are sufficient, Roberta seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Hazard Mitigation Plan was Designed 5 years ago. This makes it so we can get for FEMA Grants. This plan has been updated to include more about controlling hazards than the Emergency preparedness upon something happening. It needs to be continually updated to make sure that if something happens it won't isolate a whole neighborhood.

Dan makes a motion to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, Roberta Seconds, all in favor.

Acceptance of unanticipated revenue:

\$11,336 from surplus of town vehicles- Rick would like to use his share of the money (from selling engine 2) for lighting for the command truck, and also the lettering (\$5,100 total). This would be off budget. The balance of the money Mike would like to take and put tires on his grater. 6 tires plus balancing them, would probably be around 4,000. \$4650 for dump truck, \$5100 engine 2, \$750 each cruiser (2). The whole command vehicle about \$40000 total when completed.

Roberta makes a motion to accept the unanticipated revenue and to have the departments spend as stated, reserving the funds for the police department, Dan seconds, all in favor.

\$15,592 public assistance from FEMA as a result of Hurricane sandy- Mike would like to use the money towards, the overtime timeline, and materials line. Would like to use some money to put towards the overtime (storm affected) for the rest of the year and the rest would go towards the dirt roads that got damaged. To use this money to buy materials used during the storm. We don't have a roller it's been gone for 12 or 13 years, one would make a dirt road better.

Dan makes a motion to accept the \$15,592 to use on materials for the dirt roads Roberta seconds, all in favor.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rindge Farmers and Crafters Market Spring summer session, Kim McCummings

For the last 3 years they have used the West Rindge common

Opening May 16th (Thursdays 3-6) threw Columbus Day for the farmers market. It would be opening earlier to get smaller plants (starter plants) per request. We have gained smaller signs; they go up before the farmers market and come down day or day after. We have meat products, dairy products, jams, preserves, vegetables, crafts. It is still small with vendors from nearby towns, just like what we originally planned.

Roberta motioned to sanction the Rindge farmers and crafters market providing that they comply with insurance procedures Thursday starting May 16th through Columbus Day, Dan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Committee appointments

Citizens position available town gown position-Al Lefebvre, Jed Brummer, Roberta Gordenstein all submitted as candidates. Jed has served before as a selectman. Roberta has spoken to Andre about how there is all retired people on the committees (maybe need younger people). Tom Coneys has also had an affiliation with the school and seen how it has grown, and would like to be considered.

Roberta makes a motion to table the decision on the town gown appointment until May 1, Dan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Conservation commission-

Reappointments- Robert Cleland, David Drouin would like to be reappointed for another 3 year term. Carlotta submitted an article for volunteers on committees in the newspaper.

Dan motioned to accept Robert Cleland and David Drouin for 3 year terms Roberta seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

We are partitioning for one special town meeting. Asking for court to declare the vote on the budget null and void, and then just request a special town meeting in a normal fashion, deliberative session then vote.

Dan motioned to approve the draft and to plug in the number when received Roberta seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Budget timeline

BAC has scheduled 2 more meetings before the next selectmen's meeting. The BAC will be presenting on May 1, and everyone will be back on the 8th to decide on the budget. Then the 15th will be the public hearing and 2 weeks later the selectmen would finalize the number on the 29th. Tom Coneys- has the attorney given any timeline for partitioning the court. 6-8weeks before we will know anything from the court. We should have a court date by May 20th.

Dan motioned to adopt the proposed budget timeline, Roberta seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

BUDGET

Due to the planning board position not being filled the budget is approx. \$11,000 less than the default budget.

Only \$400,000 left in the budget and tax bills aren't due until July 1st, we may have to borrow again. Karen Gray from the school may be able to give us a break in our payments to the school. Department heads have reached out and said they would give tours of their facilities. All the department heads have reduced their operational costs. Our police prosecutor and the ambulance service have both raised their rates. Reductions at this point will likely reduce staffing or service. Decreases in benefits are going to have impacts on moral and in future hiring. Roberta- If we cut the hours of the executive assistant so that they are closed Fridays. Kim- People are upset where they could not make it during day hours (to get dump stickers etc.), because they work during our current hours. Carlotta- I would like the executive assistant to come in on the off weeks (Wednesdays) and stay late to sell dump stickers. People can renew their dump stickers online. BOS operating guidelines and handbook will be held until next meeting.

The BAC should vote to send a memo so that it doesn't get forgotten or overlooked.

Town employees don't have any control over the schools budget. (School is 70% of the budget). Deliberative sessions (school board meeting) for the schools can change the amount that is given to the school.

You do have a vote on teacher salaries and benefits stated Charlie Eicher

More people voted this year for the budget than in years passed.

Taxes could still go up if the school keeps going up no matter how much we cut.

Maybe we should make a pie chart to show where the tax money is going and attach it to the tax bill.

Adjournment 8pm