

Minutes of August 10, 2015 Select Board Meeting

Present: Board Members Bill Hall and Carl Russell. Others present: Town Manager Keith Arlund, Geneva Gaiko, Betty Ann Scammell.

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Public Comment or Inquiry:

Ms. Scammell inquired about the water drainage problem at Cherry Hill Cemetery. Arlund reported that he had emailed Kirk White to check the culvert in the field that appears to be draining toward the cemetery.

Appointments: None scheduled.

Reports, Motions and Ordinances:

1. Review of draft Budget Status Reports for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015: The Board reviewed the reports for the General Fund, Water, Sewer and Solid Waste. Most of the last years AP and AR are now in the system. Wastewater budget is overspent probably due in part to being under budgeted in the year. There were issues with pump stations that needed repair as well.
2. Board of Water and Sewage Disposal Commissioners:
 - a. Review Updated Equivalent Unit Comparisons. The Board reviewed the EU's for commercial and rental properties. Hall noted the apparent inequity of using the State guidelines for multi-bedroom residences when compared to one bedroom apartment units. Hall would like to review the calculation methods to see if there are alternative ways to evaluate various types of residential units. Arlund provided a brief report on the cost of installing water meters in the system. He will continue research on this matter. The cost for installing meters could be as much as \$350,000 plus ongoing maintenance and meter reading that will be required.
 - b. Review Water and Sewer Rates for FY 2016. The new rates are based on the proposed budgets for both enterprise funds for the current tax year. The current budgets reflect more accurately the cost of operating and managing these systems. Motion by Russell, second by Hall to approve the water and sewer rates for FY 16. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Town Manager's Report: Arlund reported that the Town received Better Back Roads Grants for road inventory/assessment and culvert work on Sanders Road. The grants will be administered by the regional planning commission. The construction bid package for the pool house will be released for bid August 14th. Arlund is awaiting an update from DuBois & King on the Old Route 12 portion of the project. Finally, roadside mowing should begin next week. The contractor had some family issues to take of that delayed the start.

Minutes and Communications:

1. The July 23rd minutes were read and approved.
2. The Board reviewed all other committee minutes.

Any other business Necessary to Come Before the Board. There being no other business the Board adjourned at 6:45 PM on motion of Russell and second by Hall.

Bill Hall

Carl Russell

Lisa Hill