

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2009
7:30 P.M.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Steven P. Rose

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Not present: Wayne Phillips

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum being present. Mr. Phillips was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, June 18, 2009 (Regular Session) as submitted. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, June 18, 2009 (Executive Session). Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

At 7:35 p.m. Water Superintendent John Tetreault and Water Commissioner Charles Linfield appeared before the Board. Mr. Tetreault read an updated Inspector's Report on the Central Street Standpipe Project. The project began in the spring of 2009 and involved cleaning the tank, re-welding seams that showed signs of corrosion, and then repainting the tank with new epoxy coatings. Mr. Tetreault reported, due to unanticipated extensive damage to the interior of the tank, the exterior of the tank will need additional funding to complete.

Town Administrator Michael McCue reported he spoke with legal counsel in the Attorney General's office and confirmed that the Town would not be allowed to overspend the original appropriation to finish the project. Any further costs, such as painting the exterior of the tank, would require an additional appropriation with a future town meeting vote. However, it was allowed to change the scope of work within existing funding to address the unexpected damage.

Mr. Tetreault informed the Board he has been investigating potential funding sources. The USDA Rural Utilities Program is one that gives priority to public entities with populations under 5500 residents. Mr. Tetreault has requested an application and upon receipt, will complete the paperwork. There is a 30 day review period, once the completed application is received. The USDA funding is from stimulus money, so an additional 30 day announcement period would follow before a decision is made.

Mr. Tetreault explained the Town of Avon would be eligible for a grant from USDA for 45% of the cost of the entire project. The following amounts were discussed:

\$394,000 is the original appropriation

\$130,000 is the additional funding required to complete the project

\$524,000 is the total project cost

In conclusion, Mr. Tetreault reported 45% of the grant would amount to \$235,000 which is more funding than the Town would need to complete the project.

Chairman Hegarty stated the original appropriation would need to be amended at a Special Town Meeting. The Board will set a date this evening for a Special Town Meeting to be held in the fall.

Chairman Hegarty reported June 30th ended the fiscal year for the Town. A payment due from the School Building Assistance Bureau, in the amount of \$259,000, was received on June 26th. Initially, these funds were due to be received in November, 2008. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Hegarty thanked Superintendent Frieswyk, Kathy MacDonald, Jean Kopke, Deb Morin, Michael McCue, and State Representative William Galvin for all of their efforts. With these funds, the Town closed the fiscal year without a deficit.

Chairman Hegarty announced a special thank you to Woodlawn Cleaners at 334 North Main Street, Randolph for donating dry cleaning services for the patriotic bunting decorating the Town gazebo and the Mary McDermott Meeting Room this evening.

Chairman Hegarty reported the Board needs to set a date for a Special Town Meeting. In speaking with Town Clerk Jean Kopke, the suggested date is Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

Mr. Rose made a motion to set the date for a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Chairman Hegarty stated the Town Moderator and Avon Middle/High School would be notified.

A letter requesting to display temporary signage was received from Reebok International Ltd. for their store located at 15 Stockwell Drive.

Mr. Rose commented that the Board is still reviewing the temporary sign policy and application.

After some discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to allow Reebok International Ltd. to install the following signage for thirty (30) days only:

Three (3) standing lawn signs

Three (3) A-frame signs

One (1) banner on the façade of the storefront

Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A donation was received from the Avon Cooperative Bank to the Council on Aging, in the amount of \$150.00, to be used for a 4th of July picnic for seniors.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the gift from the Avon Cooperative Bank to the Council on Aging to be used for a 4th of July picnic. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rose made a motion to appoint William Salter to the position of COA Van Driver, F5-1, at a rate of \$10.86 per hour, effective July 2, 2009. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A year end line-item transfer request was received for the Board's approval. The requested transfer amount of \$1212.13 from the Police Department Salary Account #210 to the Street Lighting Account #424 would cover the increase in electrical costs.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the year end line-item transfer as previously described. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Tibbetts Engineering Corp. submitted an amendment (Amendment #2) to their current contract services relative to the oversight and paving installation of East High, East Spring, Glendon and Robbins Streets beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve amendment #2, submitted by Tibbetts Engineering Corp., extending their service agreement through June 30, 2010. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Chairman Hegarty, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McCue reported the fiscal year '09 audit has begun. The auditors will be back in August to complete their work.

Mr. McCue expressed his thanks to Woodlawn Cleaners for their generosity and courtesies.

Mr. Rose mentioned looking into gasoline prices with one vendor. Mr. McCue replied that he is looking into the matter.

At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a collective bargaining issue. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Rose voted aye
Chairman Hegarty voted aye

The Board would not reconvene in open session.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Hegarty wished all residents a happy and safe Fourth of July.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein
Secretary