

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 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 unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, May 7, 2009 (Regular Session) as submitted. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Wednesday, April 22, 2009 with noted corrections on typographical errors. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

Robert Miller of 335 West Main Street requested a street opening permit/curb cut to move a section of his driveway to the right. Highway Superintendent Edward Sarni approved the curb cut with the stipulation that the work must be inspected by him as each step progresses.

With the Highway Superintendent's approval, Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the street opening permit for Mr. Miller at 335 West Main Street. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A Temporary Sign Policy and application form was distributed to the Board by Town Administrator McCue.

After some discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to take the matter under advisement until the next Board of Selectmen's meeting so that the Board has ample time to review the material. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Meeting dates for the month of June were set as follows:

Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

A request for a street opening permit was received from Bay State Gas to install gas service into 56 Glendon Street.

The Board discussed the current Water Main Replacement Project, which involves the replacement of water mains, hydrants, services and main valves on East High Street, East Spring Street, Glendon Street and Robbins Street.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the street opening permit for 56 Glendon Street with the stipulation that the work is done as soon as possible before these roadways are repaved. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Chairman Hegarty, it was unanimously voted to approve one-day special alcohol permits for Avon Fish & Game Association on June 13, June 20 and June 27, 2009.

Highway Superintendent, Edward Sarni, appeared before the Board to discuss Highway paving bids for East High, East Spring, Glendon and Robbins Streets.

Chairman Hegarty raised the question "does the Town use the existing contract or go out to bid on this project?" After some discussion, the Board agreed to go with the existing contract.

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.

Chairman Hegarty discussed scheduling an interdepartmental meeting to update departments on the status regarding the results of Town Meeting and the existing budget. The Board agreed on Thursday evening, June 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. for the interdepartmental meeting.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McCue reported that he has received phone calls from residents asking whether Verizon FIOS will be coming to Avon. Mr. McCue spoke with a Verizon representative and at the present time they have tapped out their expansion with no further commitments right now. New installations and repairs are at least a year or so away and he would update the Board with further information as it becomes available.

Mr. McCue reported a letter was sent to OCPC regarding shared services for a Conservation Officer with the Town of Holbrook and other nearby communities. Mr.

McCue stated the Town is looking at ways to cut costs. Mr. Lane was appointed Acting Conservation Officer for the Town and his term will expire on June 30, 2009.

Mr. McCue stated a municipal energy audit would be conducted in the near future by National Grid at no cost to the Town.

Mr. McCue reported, due to a statewide contract, the drinking water savings town wide would be about 75%.

Chairman Hegarty announced a letter was received in the Selectmen's office from a business located on Spring Street. The individual who sent the letter did not sign it. For the record, the business is located in the Town of Holbrook and not Avon.

A letter was received from Avon resident George Kirk requesting appointment to the elected Constable position that is vacant.

Chairman Hegarty referred the matter to Town Counsel since there is a question whether the Board of Selectmen has the authority to appoint an individual to an elected position.

At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein
Secretary