Selectmen's Meeting September 2, 2008 4:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. Meeting Room of the Peter O. Bettencourt Town Hall. Members present were Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman, Selectman Michael J. Donaroma and Selectman Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was Town Administrator Pamela M. Dolby.

Adam Darack, IT TECH, was present regarding a revised agreement of a telephone rate contract. He explained he had renegotiated the town's telecommunications services from Paetec and eliminated their providing internet as the town now uses Comcast. He mentioned that the total renegotiation of these services would result in an approximate \$900/month savings. The Board voted to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract.

The Board voted the following:

To approve the minutes of August 18, 2008 as written and dispense with the reading of same.

To grant Steamship Authority vouchers to Peter Shemeth and Dennis Arnold (2) for parks and recreation.

Chief of Police Paul Condlin was present to ask the Board to allow the department to have trees in front of the Police station moved back since they now impede traffic negotiating the semi-circular driveway. It was moved and voted unanimously in favor to do this.

Town Administrator Dolby asked the Board about proceeding with a bylaw to set hours for contractors on work sites. Over the years there have been many complaints of contractors starting work too early. There have been complaints of people working as early as 6:a.m. and as late as 8:30 - 9:p.m. She suggested asking the Planning Board to work with Leonard Jason, Building Inspector and Paul Condlin, Police Chief on a by-law to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Town Administrator then spoke of excavation permits, which now require the signatures of the Police Chief, the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Manager, and the Highway Superintendent. She noted talked about some situations that have occurred over the past several months, which indicate the Board of Selectmen should sign off on such a permit also, as they do in the case of removal of trees. The Highway Superintendent agreed with this. The Board agreed their name would be added to the sign off.

Town Administrator Dolby presented a to do list (attached), stemming from the Seasonal Resident meeting that was held on August 6, 2008.

Selectman Donaroma spoke of places where air-conditioning units extend right to the property line. Despite landscaping around them they are noisy. Town Administrator Dolby said she would mention it to Building Inspector Jason.

Paul Willoughby, contractor, was present regarding a permit for street excavation at 15 North Summer Street, rebuilding a sidewalk which extends over three-quarters of the property front. Selectman Serpa said if he doesn't do the whole front of the property, it won't look right. The other Selectmen agreed. He was advised to return next week with a plan that shows the sidewalk being replaced the entire length of the property. Street Superintendent Fuller was advised of the Board's decision.

They're being no further business, the meeting ended at 4:16 p.m.

APPROVED:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Waingrow, secretary

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa

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