

September 20, 2017

Selectmen's Meeting

9:00am

Present: Don Chabon, Chuck Cardillo, Terry Flynn and Danielle Fillio

Don called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He also welcomed Terry back.

Don began by asking Danielle if a speaker system could be set up for meetings and it will be looked into.

Don also mentioned discussion on the next Wednesday meeting, October 11<sup>th</sup> on employee evaluations and selecting a labor lawyer to help with contract negotiations. Due to Chuck's Town employee status, he will not be able to participate in the evaluation process.

First on the agenda is the highway department update. Len began by saying that he had ACT come back again to look at the attic asbestos and it turns out that it was not; only concrete, which is a \$45,000 savings. They are ready to go out to bid but need to have an addendum.

Don asked about the Talbot Center and that there is interest in keeping it. The feeling is that it would need to be incorporated into the new building. Terry asked about plans and Lenny said that it will be a pre-engineered building but if the Talbot Center will be incorporated into it, the calculations would change. He continued that the Finance Committee had the figures in February. Lenny said that they were going to add an additional bay to fit the plow trucks and possibly one for the harvester, but if the Talbot Center is going in, it will need to be recalculated.

Len said that it would make sense to heat one building. Don asked about plans for vehicle storage for this winter and Len said that the cans and bottles would be moved out and two vehicles could be housed there.

Don questioned the Larrywaug Strap grant and the 183 culvert repair. Len said they would know in October on the STRAP grant and the culvert repair is going out to bid the following week. Danielle added that there was a pre-bid walk through that day.

Next on the agenda was Mike with the water department updates. He began that the water tank on Quiet Knoll would be going on line that day and the neighbors were happy with the way it came out; all testing was approved by the DEP. The old water tanks are being drained and the valves closed off. The demo of the old tanks will be coming along soon. A couple weeks ago they ran a new 8 inch water main to the old De Sisto School.

Mike continued that for the Church Street water line project, Danielle had sent out a couple of reverse 911 calls to keep everyone updated on traffic. Pipe is to be delivered on Thursday and digging will begin on Monday. There will be one-lane traffic during this period. The expected completion time for fall work will be approximately the week before Thanksgiving with continuation into the spring if necessary. If the weather stays good, they may work longer. Mike said that as usual, the contractors will work Mondays through Thursdays and on Friday they work on setting temporary blacktop for weekend usage. Once the project is complete they will come back and pave. There will be police details. The Water and Sewer Departments will over-see the project as opposed to having engineers as a savings.

Tom LaBelle, 39 Church Street asked if a lane will be closed for saw cutting and Mike said yes and there will be also when the pipe is delivered. Tom asked if the work has to continue into the spring, if the street would remain one lane. Mike said no, only one lane during the work hours. Tom asked about the fact that no one had a record of the underground utilities. Mike said that the utility departments do know where their own utilities are located.

The next item was the appointment of the Town representative for GZA. Don said that the Town is gearing up to move forward with the Stockbridge Bowl dredging project and in order to do this, the Town will be signing new agreements with GZA, entering into an MOA with the Stockbridge Bowl Association and in agreement by all involved, the Town will be appointing Gregg Wellenkamp to oversee the Stockbridge Bowl Dredging project as the project manager. He will be a special Town employee and his title will be Owner's Representative. Gregg will need to complete some conflict forms and will report to the Stockbridge Select Board, he will coordinate with the Town Administrator who will liaison with legal regional planning and accounting, he will regularly communicate with the Town Administrator, the Select Board and the SBA keeping everyone abreast of developments and issues. Gregg asked about his access to Town Counsel and he was directed to cc Danielle in discussions. Don continued that Gregg will devise and advise the Board of those practices and procedures necessary to expedite the project in as effective and efficient a manner as possible.

Don added a legal interaction from Town Counsel who stated that it is noted that Mr. Wellenkamp is representing the Town and reporting to the Town with updates. The SBA is a primary benevolent and the association will be kept informed but it must be clear that he is a representative of the Town. As long as Mr. Wellenkamp is in agreement the Board could make a motion. Mr. Wellenkamp added that he would be signing some forms stating that there is some conflict of interest as he is a property owned of land on the lake and the project may in theory increase his property value. The forms will cover that aspect.

Don made a motion that the Town appoint Gregg Wellenkamp a Special municipal Employee to be Owner's Representative to the Stockbridge Bowl Dredging Project, to serve at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen and as Owner's Representative, Mr. Wellenkamp will have the authority to participate in project meetings with GZA, review submittals and invoices from GZA, reports and directives from the Massachusetts DEP and NHESP and report all activities and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen who share remain the sole entity with authority to authorize changes in work, instructions, contract extensions, and other directives to GZA. Chuck seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Next, Joe Gardino spoke with Fire Department updates. Joe said that with status of the roof, they have estimates coming in and should have the final estimate in that week and the work should hopefully be completed in October. Joe continued that the Glendale boiler needs to be replaced and there is extra Green money that can be used. Whatever it does not cover can be covered by Chuck's budget and that they have three estimates for that. The Department got a \$5,000 grant for forest fighter protection equipment. As an association, they purchased for the Town a Polaris six-wheeler for forest fires and it is a Town vehicle. Along with the six-wheeler a new trailer and a brush fire pump system for the back were

purchased out of the Association fund. Terri asked what was coming with the grant money and Joe said that it is coming with light weight jackets, clothes, helmets, goggles, protection gear; they have all of the forestry hoses, rakes and picks.

Danielle reminded Joe to wait for the contract from Berkshire Engineering for the roof. Joe said that they were but they have estimates already coming in. Danielle said that she also needed the three estimates for the boiler. Joe said that they had been busy with fire and medical calls.

Don next moved on to awarding the sole Fire Truck bid to KME of Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$401,874.00. Terry seconded but questioned if Danielle had any hesitations and she responded that she checked with Town Counsel on the thirty day requirement and KME has agree to waive it allowing them to move ahead. The seconded motion was voted on and the vote was unanimous.

For the last item, Don motioned that the Town declare Engine No. 3 as surplus equipment. Terry seconded but asked what had been done and Chuck said that it had been put out to bid. Terry asked what was currently in the Glendale Station and Chuck responded that the Glendale Station is set up for special operations with room for the six-wheeler, the boat, and dive gear. They will eventually look for donation or grants for a pickup truck to pull it without using personal vehicles. Terry asked about the fixed boat motor if there were options because of the weight. Chuck said that with six men, the boat is accessible to all waters and that the motor could be removed. Terry suggested that it may be worthwhile to look into a boat where the motor would not need to be removed. The seconded motion was voted on and the vote was unanimous.

Don questioned Chuck on the Town's dive team and Chuck said that they have two members who are on the Berkshire County Dive Team and will hopefully get more. They have two qualified divers and a number of line tenders.

With no further business Don made a motion to adjourn. Chuck seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.