

Select-Board Open Meeting: 04-29-2013

Attending Meeting: Board members, Vic St Cyr, Julia Simonds, Kathy Barden

Chairman Vic St Cyr called meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Chairman opened the floor for citizen concerns. There was a discussion about the Town Clerk's new hours and staffing for those hours. The Town Clerks office was opened three days a week. Monday 5-7pm, Tuesday 9-2pm and Thursday 9-2pm. The new hours are now Thursday only 8-2pm. Town Clerk Jessie Wentworth gave some back ground information about the change of hours of operation. In addition to that she had concerns about staffing for those hours, as well as financial and safety concerns for the staff. Board member Kathy Barden expressed her concerns for the safety of the staff and citizens that are exposed to an unruly, or hostile environments. Chairman Vic St Cyr and Board Member Julia Simonds also expressed the concerns for safety of the staff. Town Clerk Jessie Wentworth explained that she and the Deputy Town Clerk Juliann Rose have been working on a schedule to meet the financial and excess able needs of the residents to conduct business. The Town Clerk also explained that the State and the Town have web site's that can be accessed on the computer and residents can do some business that way if they choose to. Tax-Collector Pam Kathan, also spoke about the Avatar program that the Town currently uses has more options available for the Town to use. She went on to explain that tax information and forms are public knowledge and that tax payer's would have the option to pay their taxes or register your dog on line if the Select-Board decided to provide that option through the Avatar program. Chairman Vic St Cyr thought that would be a worthwhile feature as well as Board Members Julia Simonds and Kathy Barden. The Board will be meeting with a Representative from Avatar at the next Board meeting.

Ken Tuthill inquired about information he had requested from the Select-Board. The Chairman Vic St Cyr gave him a packet with information he had requested. He also inquired what the protocol would be to have Chairman Vic St Cyr and Board member Julia Simonds removed from the Select-Board. Chairman Vic St Cyr explained to Mr. Tutill that they had taken this issue up at the Annual Town Meeting.

Sharon Tupper inquired as to the meeting minuets posted on the web site and that there are dates missing for those meetings. She stated the dates missing. The Chairman will review the dates and the minuets. She also inquired as to the status of the training of staff members. Chairman Vic St Cyr explained that some training has been done and that more training will be done as schedules allow it.

Fire Chief Ron Sheltry gave a brief update on the status of the wheels order for the EMS unit. The funds to pay for this will come from the balance of the existing EMS vehicle fund \$298.64. This will 0 out this account. The balance of the cost of the wheels will come out of Fire Department funds.

Chairman Vic St Cyr fielded questions about the suite against the Select-Board and former Board member Kevin Whittum as well as, Police Chief Mario Audit. The Chairman explained that the Board had voted to Indemnify itself and that the Town's Attorney would not be handling this case for the Town of Dalton. The town's Insurance provider will be providing the Legal Counsel for the Town of Dalton.

Chairman Vic St Cyr made a motion to discuss the Mowing bids that had been discussed in the

previous meeting. The Board had asked to have the representative from Navarra's Landscaping come and answer some questions that the board had. Proof of insurance was provided to the Board by the owner of Navarra's Landscaping. They reviewed the areas that needed to be done and inquired about the mowing for the Town Building as it was bid by a set amount per mowing.

Chairman Vic St Cyr asked for a motion to select a company to do the scope of work for the Town

Board member Kathy Barden made the motion to have Navarra's Landscaping to do the mowing for this season for the Town of Dalton.

Seconded by Julia Simonds.

Motion Passed 3/0

Chairman Vic St Cyr asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Board member Julia Simonds made the motion.

Seconded by Kathy Barden

Motion passed 3/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm