

The Board of Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday July 12, 2011, at the Dalton Municipal Building, Dalton, NH.

PRESENT: Chairman Crosby, Selectman St.Cyr, Selectman Hardy

**Pledge**

1. **Motion:** *by Selectman Hardy to approve last month's minutes.*

**Second:** *by Selectman St.Cyr*

**Vote:** 3-0-0

**2. Chairman's Comments:**

Chairman Crosby- explained we were waiting to hear from FEMA regarding funding for the Memorial Day storms. It looks positive. Bob Wentworth will get the roads in shape regardless.

Chairman Crosby - The police department will start monthly training on 8/1/11 with officer St.Martin. Next year we need to make sure we have money in the budget for ammo. We should also plan on one new officer a year in the budget.

John Tholl - With the budget we have it will be difficult to pay for the police academy as the department may now have to pay tuition. They are talking about it.

Selectman Hardy - We need to be prepared at town meeting to defend the budget. John is chairman of the North Country Delegation and he should go on record against the fees.

Selectman Hardy will do a letter to the delegation with a copy to Ray Burton.

John Tholl - Things are going well at Forest Lake Park. Officer Alba wants to attend training the week I am scheduled to be gone. If it is all right with the Board we will put the State on call.

Selectmen - Approved.

Chairman Crosby - Ed Craxton will put something together for the town report regarding the park.

Maggie Michaud - Thanked John Tholl for getting the criminal background forms and explained the current and proposed activities for the Recreation Committee.

Selectmen - thanked her for coming in.

Selectman Hardy - We do have a web site and we should use it and put things in the paper.

Chief Sheltry - Has started work on his office in this building. There has been 63 EMS calls this year. Every call has been covered with an average time of 5 - 7 minutes. There is training this evening on oxygen.

Chief Sheltry - questioned if we could still plan on ordering the \$8,000.00 worth of gear due to the extra expenses the town has incurred from storm damage.

Selectmen - will have Sandy give them budget figures to review for the next meeting.

Selectman Hardy - questioned spending \$500 for embroidery with a budget that has gone up and are we paying for uniforms.

Chief Sheltry - We pay for shirts and badges for the officers.

Selectman St.Cyr - When they attend services they look good representing our town. These people are volunteers and \$100 for a shirt and badges is cheap. You have to treat people well.

Chairman Crosby - It is cheap money and the Chief is very frugal with his budget. He has 31 volunteers.

John Tholl - The in-car video is not working and it will have to be repaired. We have received \$100 donation we can use towards the cost.

Bruce Walsh - Has had 2 dog calls. One was for dogs running loose which an abatement was issued and the other was for what appeared to be neglect.

Selectman Hardy - Steve Liakes was impressed with the way Hurlburt Rd was put back. The bridge is still red lined and need to be redirected. I invited him to look at the old Bridge Hill Rd bridge and let us know if the solution is to just let it collapse. He did not respond.

Selectman St.Cyr -Believes we own the bridge. It is an historical bridge.

Selectman Hardy - Reporter, Edith Tucker, wants to do a feature on the State Park.

Selectman Hardy - Did Terri Parks get back to us on burying pet ashes in the cemetery.

Sandy York - No

Selectman St.Cyr - Absolutely no deceased pets should be in the cemetery.

Selectman Hardy - Then we should follow through and change the policy.

**Motion** - *by Selectman Hardy that the cemetery policy be amended to reflect only human remains be interred in any Dalton cemetery.*

**Second** - *by Selectman St.Cyr*

**Vote** - 3-0-0

Selectman Hardy -presented the Board with copies of the ethics policy which was started in August of 2009. Take it home and come back with changes or comments - we need an ethics policy.

Chairman Crosby - The State has a policy. We will have a work session on this.

Selectman Hardy - What is our policy on background checks for people who handle money.

There have been people all around the area who have embezzled town funds.

John Tholl - The same form we use for the Rec Dept can be used.

Selectman Hardy - We can say they cannot be hired with a background check.

John Tholl - Will come up with the verbiage for the town policy.

Selectman Hardy - Something should be put on the web site regarding the storm damage.

Selectman Hardy - What is the status on a free tire day.

Selectman St.Cyr - There isn't one. We did get rid of tires for free but we do not want to take tires from all over and be stuck with them.

Selectman Hardy - Questioned the \$3,600 for culverts - is that for the storm. There is a value of the time the Selectmen spent on working on the storm that should be considered.

Chairman Crosby - If we get FEMA funds it will be considered.

**Motion** - *by Selectman Hardy to go into executive session for personnel issues.*

**Second** - *by Chairman Crosby*

**Vote** - 3-0-0

Selectmen - returned to regular session

Selectmen - returned from executive session and motioned, seconded and voted to close the meeting.