DUNBARTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012**

**TOWN OFFICES – 7:00 P.M.**

**The Dunbarton Board of Selectmen held their regularly scheduled meeting at the above time, date and place with Les Hammond, Chairman, presiding.**

**The following were present:**

 **Les Hammond, Chairman**

 **Ron Wanner, Selectman**

 **Ted Vallieres, Selectman**

 **Line Comeau, Town Administrator**

 **Alison Vallieres, Recording Secretary**

**Members of Boards/Committees and Town Officials:**

 **Dan Sklut, Police Chief**

 **Jeff Crosby, Road Agent**

**Members of the Public:**

 **Ron Slocum**

**Les Hammond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a full Selectmen's Board present along with Line Comeau, Town Administrator, and Alison Vallieres, Recording Secretary.**

**Minutes of previous Selectmen's Meeting - Thursday, April 12, 2012 Friday, April 13, 2012:**

**MOTION:**

**Ron Wanner made a motion that the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen accept the minutes of the previous meeting of Thursday, April 12, 2012 and Friday, April 13, 2012 as written. Ted Vallieres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**7:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - ROAD PROJECTS FOR THE 2012 YEAR:**

**MOTION:**

**Ron Wanner made a motion that he Dunbarton Board of Selectmen open the Public Hearing for Road Projects for the 2012 year. Ted Vallieres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Les Hammond, Chairman, opened the Public Hearing and noted that the following projects were planned for this year:**

 **1. Finish Twist Hill Road**

 **2. Work on the intersection of Montalona Road and Robert Rogers Road**

 **3. Continue to do maintenance and ditch work where needed**

 **4. Pave Police Department parking lot**

 **5. Pave parking area between the Fire Department and the pond**

 **Other Tentative Projects:**

 **1. Ray Road from Route 13 to the Town's gravel pit**

 **2. Several spots on Clifford Farms Road**

 **3. First section of Flintlock Farm Road**

 **4. Second portion of Armand's Way**

 **5. Metal culverts which have been eaten away, etc. should be replaced.**

 **Stark Bridge: - Will continue researching options for the bridge.**

 **Purgatory Pond Road - Will be completed by Brian Nordle, landowner, per approved Warrant Article.**

 **Jeff Crosby noted that he had checked further on the number of culverts on Purgatory Pond Road and there is three culverts. He flagged the culvert which is between the Gibson property and the Nordle Property.**

 **Was noted that the Town will need an easement from Brian Nordle to cover the parking area and the road, etc.**

**At this point in the Public Hearing, Jeff Crosby, Road Agent, stated he wanted to thank Ron Slocum, Tenney Hill Road, for attending the Road Public Hearing.**

**Jeff Crosby stated that they were planning on doing something with Tenney Hill Road above Ron Slocum's house where the pavement has broken up and become an issue. There are more and more rocks coming up.**

**When the 1000 feet of road was previously paved at least 15-20 years ago, they used a "Farmer's Mix" which creates a bad situation. Rocks are showing up through the surface. He would suggest breaking up all the pavement, take out the rocks, mix it up and add crushed gravel. A gravel road would be actually better than the paved part of the road. We would make it a gravel road. It would be a very expensive venture to try to repave it.**

**Ron Slocum agreed with this solution.**

**Ron Slocum asked if they could continue with applying Calcium Chloride to keep the dust down.**

**Jeff Crosby, Road Agent, stated that he plans of definitely finishing the Twist Hill Road this year. This is the third year we have worked on Twist Hill Road.**

**Also will be working on the intersection of Robert Rogers Road and Montalona Road. Phil Thalheimer gave us permission to cut a number of large trees down so we can widen the road out. We felt it would be a good thing to do while it is owned by Phil Thalheimer. Will tear it up and put gravel down and repave. With any amount of snow, you wind up with only a single lane the way it is now.**

**Les Hammond, Chairman, noted that the Highway Department has been trying to cut trees down all over town.**

**It was also noted that Grapevine Road just beyond Ray Mills house is very broken up It was noted that we need to finish Twist Hill Road project before starting another, etc.**

**Ron Wanner asked if the State DOT is responsible for Twist Hill Road just north of the Bow line through Bow because he has noticed them working out there recently. It was noted that this is probably a similar situation as the State responsibility for Mansion Road in Dunbarton.**

**Jeff Crosby mentioned that we will have a traffic count for Twist Hill Road showing traffic from the Dunbarton/Bow Town Line on Twist Hill Road.**

**There being no further comments from the public, the following motion was made:**

**MOTION:**

**Ron Wanner made a motion that the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen close the Public Hearing for Road Improvements for 2012. Ted Vallieres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS:**

**Line Comeau, Town Administrator, presented the following items for discussion and/or action:**

**Painting of Town Offices:**

**A second estimate for painting of the Town Office on the north side and both ends. Estimates are as follows:**

 **Don Hartshorn $1,775**

 **Herve Verville $3,700**

**Ted Vallieres noted that he had asked Kyle Parker if he would be interested in submitting an estimate and he declined to bid on the painting.**

**After discussion, the following motion was made:**

**MOTION:**

**Ron Wanner made a motion that the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen award the bid for the painting of the north side and both ends of the Town Office to Don Hartshorn, Don's Helping Hand, in the amount of $1,775 with work to begin no later than 60 days. Ted Vallieres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Memo from Patrick Bowne, Transfer Station Manager:**

**1. On Tuesday, April 17, 2012, our department performed random spot checks on Commercial Haulers. The inspection revealed trash from Ron Boynton, D&R Waste came from Weare, N. H. Brad Jobel has the documentation regarding this inspection. Please advise me how you want to proceed in this matter upon my return from vacation.**

**Ted Vallieres asked if this was the first offense for this hauler. It was indicated that this is not the first time this problem has occurred.**

**Ron Wanner stated that it costs the Town $65/ton to dispose of waste and it is a problem if waste is coming from other towns.**

**Would suggest that we restrict him from using the Transfer Station for a period of time and if we find this happening again, we stop him from using Transfer Station for waste disposal.**

**It was decided to wait until Patrick Bowne returns from vacation to discuss this issue.**

**2. On April 18, 2012 our newest baler broke down with a motor issue. Have been in contact with the motor company and will address this issue upon my return. The staff at the Transfer Station will perform their duties the best they can without this baler.**

**It was noted that the balers have single phase motors and after twenty years there is wear on all the parts, etc. Should look into converting to three phase.**

**Selectmen agreed that they need to talk with Patrick Bowne, Transfer Station Manager, before making a decision.**

**3. The burn pit is half full of brush and we are unable to burn due to weather conditions. If this trend continues, we will have to cease accepting brush when the pit is full.**

**Ted Vallieres noted that it is going to rain this coming Sunday and Monday and this may resolve this issue. Will wait and see.**

**4. Am attaching for your records a set of recent pictures of the retaining wall at the Transfer Station.**

**Selectmen looked at pictures of wall. Wall is leaning significantly. Ron Slocum noted the blocks are not interlocked.**

**Will discuss this with Patrick Bowne when he returns from vacation.**

**5. Have done a preliminary review of the bids submitted for the new baler. At this time, I am not prepared to make a recommendation. I would appreciate having more time to review this matter after my vacation. There are two different power options that need to be reviewed in order to make the best decision for the Town.**

**Patrick Bowne will go over the bids with the Selectmen when he returns from vacation.**

**Granite Group Analysis of Furnace for Town Offices:**

**Line Comeau reported that John Stevens and Fred Mullen had met with the Granite Group today with regard to their recommendations for a furnace for the Town Offices. Would like to attend next Thursday's Selectmen's meeting to go over what they have discussed.**

**Auditors:**

**Auditors were in the office all day today. Will be returning next Wednesday.**

**Will have an exit interview with the Selectmen once audit is completed.**

**Personnel Plan:**

**Have worked on draft Personnel Plan. Will give it to Selectmen by chapters.**

**Line Comeau has contacted LGC regarding what things can be changed, etc. within the Personnel Plan. Has not received an answer yet.**

**Selectmen suggested getting copies of other Personnel Plans from other towns of the same size, etc. to use for comparison.**

 **Line Comeau will get other Towns Personnel Plans for reference.**

**DANIEL SKLUT, POLICE CHIEF:**

 **Daniel Sklut, Police Chief, appeared before the Board of Selectmen and reported the following:**

 **2006 Ford Explorer:**

 **1. The 2006 Ford Explorer has finally died. The engine is making a noise and not safe for the road. Will get it down to the White Farm Auction ASAP. It has been a lemon from the day it was purchased.**

 **The option was discussed about other possibilities for selling it, etc.**

 **2. Noted that he will be asking for a new cruiser for next year and several years thereafter.**

 **3. Reported that Linda Marcou, Secretary, will be on vacation next week.**

 **4. Have received a 50% grant for purchase of bullet proof vests. Our present gear is outdated.**

 **This item is a top priority.**

 **5. Selectmen noted that Kyle Parker will be doing repairs on Police Station.**

 **6. Road Race:**

 **Asked about what the policy is with regard to providing Police for a road race event. There is a road race scheduled for Sunday, April 22, 2012. Will have Leonard Lamarca for several hours.**

 **Ted Vallieres suggested that there be a policy for the Police Chief in the event a similar request comes up in the future.**

 **It was noted that there will be some volunteers working on this event.**

 **It was decided to address each individual situation as they come up for the future.**

**There being no further business, the following motion was made:**

**MOTION:**

**Ron Wanner made a motion that the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen adjourn the meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen at 8:35 p.m. Ted Vallieres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Alison R. Vallieres**

**Recording Secretary**

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**Les Hammond, Chairman**

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 **Ron Wanner, Selectman**

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 **Ted Vallieres, Selectman**