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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2011 7:30 P.M.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Steven P. Rose
Robert F. Brady, Jr.

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, September 15, 2011 (Regular Session) as written. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Hegarty reported the minutes of Thursday, September 15, 2011 (Executive Session) were not finished and the item was tabled.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

Town Treasurer Jean Kopke appeared before the Board requiring a vote from the Board to approve borrowing for the Butler Elementary School Roof Project. Ms. Kopke presented documents for the Board's signature.

Mr. Rose made a motion to vote to accept borrowing for the Butler Elementary School Roof Project awarded to Eastern Bank in the amount of \$269,101 at a .90 interest rate. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Board signed the required documents.

An Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Holbrook and the Town of Avon to share services of an Animal Control Officer was presented to the Board for approval.

Mr. Rose made a motion to take the contract for a Regional Animal Control Officer under advisement. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A request for appointment to the Avon Cultural Council was received from Meghan Mallett of 93 West Spring Street.

Mr. Rose made a motion to appoint Ms. Mallett to the Avon Cultural Council, term to expire: June 30, 2016. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Resident Mary McLaughlin sent a letter to the Board requesting permission to hold a neighborhood Block Party on Pratt Street on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Permission was granted from Fire Chief Spurr and Police Chief Phillips with the understanding that in the case of an emergency, the road must be open to emergency vehicles. Rain date would be October 16th.

Mr. Rose stressed the fact that alcohol consumption must be strictly observed. Chairman Hegarty stated that any alcohol consumption must be done on private property.

After further discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the Pratt Street Block Party on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. as long as alcohol consumption is controlled. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A request for a temporary sign permit was received from Affordable Furniture, Inc. at 75 Stockwell Drive to display one vinyl banner and four cardboard signs indicating "Black Friday" and "Christmas" Sales for the period November 25th through December 23rd.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the temporary sign permit for Affordable Furniture, Inc. at 75 Stockwell Drive for the period November 25th through December 23rd. Mr. Rose seconded the motion with discussion. Mr. Rose asked where were the four cardboard signs going to be placed? The application form does not indicate this information. When clarification was given, Mr. Rose was satisfied with the four signs on the side on the road. The vote was unanimous.

A request for a second temporary sign permit was received from Affordable Furniture, Inc. at 75 Stockwell Drive to display four (4) cardboard signs for the period 10/7/11 through 10/31/11 indicating "Sale."

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the request for a second temporary sign permit from 10/7/11 through 10/31/11 with the understand that there should be a three (3) week period of time with no signs until the second set of signs go up on November 25th. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A request for a temporary sign permit was received from iParty at One Harrison Blvd. for two canvas banners to be displayed for "Halloween" from October 7, 2011 through November 1, 2011.

Mr. Rose needed clarification on where the banners would be displayed as well as the height of the banners. The information was missing from the application. Mr. Rose would like the Building Inspector and Town Administrator to clarify the information requested by Mr. Rose.

Mr. McCue stated he would speak to the Building Inspector and they would review the last year of sign requests.

Mr. Rose made a motion to refer the temporary sign permit application from iParty back to the Building Inspector and Mr. McCue. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A temporary sign permit application was received from Jordan's Furniture at 100 Stockwell Drive advertising "The Enchanted Village" event and "The Polar Express" beginning November 1, 2011 through May 1, 2012 using three 12 x 70 vinyl mesh banners.

Mr. Rose questioned whether there would be a better way to handle the temporary sign request at this time. What about some type of permanent sign? Mr. Rose requested that the item be referred back to the Building Inspector.

Mr. Rose made a motion to table the item and refer the request for a temporary sign permit back to the Building Inspector. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Update on Pond Street—Meeting with Representatives from Paolini Corporation

Mr. John Rezendes and Dan Paolini appeared before the Board. George Mello, Senior Project Engineer from Tibbetts Engineering, was also in attendance.

Chairman Hegarty thanked everyone for coming. He asked for an update/discussion on the status of the Pond Street project. Where we are as we are quickly approaching the end of the construction season.

Mr. Mello reported that on Friday (October 7th) the binder coat would be done. The Gas Company still has work to finish. Monday is a holiday (Columbus Day) and permission was given to Paolini Corp. to work the holiday. A curbing group will be working. Mr. Mello stated he was dealing with 10 poles—trying to coordinate work with the Gas Company has been difficult.

Chairman Hegarty stated no street opening permits should be approved until the Gas Co. has completed the Pond Street work.

Mr. Rose suggested documenting any e-mails or telephone conversations with the Gas Co. Complaints can be forwarded to the Department of Public Utilities.

Mr. Rose stated he is concerned with the sidewalks. Sidewalks must be safe and passable for winter.

Mr. Mello mentioned that the poles to be removed relative to the Pond Street project were discussed at the pre-construction meeting with both Columbia Gas and National Grid.

Chairman Hegarty reported we can hold off until spring to put the top coat down.

Mr. Rose discussed the safety zones beyond the sidewalks. This must be done and made safe for winter.

Several Pond Street residents were in the audience and had questions.

Mrs. Littlefield of 67 Pond Street asked the Board if the guardrail installed in front of her house could be wood, instead of metal? Mr. Rose responded that wood is usually not accepted.

Peter and Carol Marinelli of 36 Pond Street reported that they got 6 inches of water in their basement and flooded out. They never had a water problem before.

Mrs. Marinelli also expressed her concern about the sidewalks and the fact that there would be no place for the kids to walk if they weren't finished.

Mr. Mello explained there is a complaint procedure. If a resident incurs damages, they need to send a letter to the Town. The letter will be forwarded to the contractor. The contractor will forward to their insurance company.

Mr. Mello reported that residents asked the Police Department to keep the road (Pond Street) open during the normal business day. That caused a delay in the reconstruction process.

Mr. Mello reported that all the raised catch basins will be flat before the winter.

At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Rezendes, Mr. Paolini and Mr. Mello exited the meeting. The Board thanked them for their time.

8:30 p.m. Water Superintendent John Tetreault—Road repairs discussion

Water Superintendent John Tetreault appeared before the Board with Water Commissioners Charles Linfield, Peter Marinelli and Charles Kowalski.

Mr. Tetreault provided a handout of pictures to the Board listing streets that need to be addressed before winter. A discussion ensued. The following streets were mentioned:

127 Packard Street - to straighten fire hydrant
Chestnut Street (to be paved tomorrow) – no open trenches
Bartlett Street – Infrared to smooth things out
Ivy Road – not sure what to do with this street?
95 Packard Street
167 Packard Street
Feeley Street

Chairman Hegarty stated he is concerned with Bartlett Street. Water collects at the corner and then will freeze.

Larson Street – infrared – scheduled to be done

Everett Street – paving the third or fourth week of October when prices go down

At 9:02 p.m. Mr. Tetreault and the Water Commissioners exited the meeting.

FY '12 CDBG Application

Mr. McCue explained this would be the second round (FY '12) for a CDBG application. Funding would allow an additional 10 units of rehabilitation and Fellowship Circle repairs.

After further discussion, Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the agreement between the Town of Avon and Community Opportunities Group for the writing of the FY '12 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant—Community Development Fund I application to seek a future grant for 10 units of housing rehabilitation and repairs to Fellowship Circle. Mr. Rose seconded the motion with discussion.

Mr. Rose asked if the Town doesn't get the grant, are there costs to the Town? Mr. McCue replied that there would be costs to the Town if the grant was not awarded to the Town of Avon.

The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rose made a motion to appoint Elise Struble to the position of part-time Circulation Assistant Grade F6-1 at the rate of \$11.48 an hour, contingent upon successful fulfillment of the Town of Avon hiring policies.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congressman Stephen Lynch will meet with Avon residents to address any and all concerns they may have on Wednesday, October 19th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. "Congressman on Your Corner" is a new series that will feature Congressman Lynch in an RV in the Town Hall parking lot. This event will be held rain or shine and use of the Meeting Room will be available if it rains. No appointment is necessary and all are invited.

On October 11th, beginning at 9:00 p.m., a large power transformer will be moving through the Town of Avon, traveling from Harrison Blvd. down East Main Street and then down East High Street to Holbrook. At this time there is no anticipated need to disconnect power lines to allow this transport. However, if the need arises, the break in service will be temporary. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Town Administrator Michael McCue at the Town Hall—(508) 588-0414 X20.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Brady, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

Town Administrator's Report

Tibbetts Engineering Senior Project Engineer George Mello meets with Mr. McCue and Mr. Sarni on a regular basis to update the progress on the Pond Street project. Mr. McCue reported that we are right on track with the cost of the project.

Mr. McCue reported that he has submitted a grant for funding to improve the trails at DeMarco Park. Approval for funding would be announced in the spring.

Paperwork has been submitted to FEMA for reimbursement as a result of damages incurred in the Town of Avon during the recent hurricane.

Mr. McCue stated he would be meeting with a representative from EPA next week to discuss recent Stormwater Reports submitted.

Mr. Brady announced that residents should lock their vehicles at night.

At 9:20 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a possible litigation matter. Mr. Brady seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Rose voted aye
Mr. Brady voted aye
Chairman Hegarty voted aye

The Board would not reconvene in Open Session.

Respectfully submitted,



Miriam Rothstein
Secretary

Exhibits:

- Minutes of Thursday, September 15, 2011 (Regular Session)
- Inter-Municipal Agreement for Regional Animal Control Officer
- Letter requesting appointment to Avon Cultural Council
- Letter from Pratt Street residents requesting permission to hold a Pratt Street Block Party
- Request for temporary sign permit from Affordable Furniture, Inc. to display signs for the period 10/7 through 10/31/11 and 11/25 through 12/25/11
- Request for temporary sign permit from iParty to display signs from 10/7 through 11/1/11
- Request for temporary sign permit from Jordan's Furniture for Enchanted Village event