

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes May 23, 2016

7:00 pm Meeting called to order by Board Chair, Jack Esposito. Also in attendance were Selectmen Jim Whipple and John Quinlan.

Dick Desroches came before the Board to see if they would vote on:

- A firm to do the painting of the McCollom Building when the siding is finished. Board reviewed the 3 bids and decided to award the contract to Arch Painting Inc. Quinlan motioned, seconded by Whipple to award the McCollom Building painting contract to Arch Painting Inc. of Woburn, MA, whose bid was \$8,000. All in favor. Board signed the contract.
- A firm to install new siding on the McCollom Building. Board reviewed the bids and discussed the merits of finger-jointed and solid clapboards. Quinlan motioned, seconded by Whipple to award the McCollom Building siding contract to Don Knowlton & Sons, LLC of Hopkinton, NH whose bid was \$33,984. All in favor. Board signed the contract.
- Quinlan motioned, seconded by Whipple to sign the \$1,750 Copper Electric contract for the electrical work on the McCollom Building. All in favor. Board signed the contract.
- Quinlan motioned, seconded by Whipple to sign the \$36,160 Alpine Environmental Inc., contract for the lead abatement work on the McCollom Building. All in favor. Board signed the contract.

Al Smith, representing the Mont Vernon Congregational Church came before the Board with Tom Carr of Meridian Land Surveying. Smith explained that they have had an ongoing problem with water runoff coming into the basement of the Church. The water is coming from the roof of the church and from the McCollom Building lot. The church removed 1,200 square feet of concrete and replaced the floor with a grant from the Anderson Trust. They were awarded another grant last summer and hired Meridian to do a water control study and have chosen Chip Gomes to do the work.

Carr stated that they would like to get permission to pipe the McCollom runoff to a catch basin at the back of the lot. They would install a small berm in the pavement of the McCollom parking lot with an underground swale to bring the water to the catch basin.

Whipple said that he was ok with that plan; Quinlan and Esposito agreed.

Carr thanked the Board, said that they plan to begin the work in late August and will get the Board a final design as soon as they have one.

7:35 pm A resident came in to request a tax payment plan to get caught up on back taxes. Board agreed.

7:40 pm The Porters of Tater Street came to discuss a letter they received from the Board who are concerned that they have a barn in total disrepair with tenants in the building.

Doug explained that he does not want to tear down the historic barn; that he wants to repair it, but it will take longer than the time the Board allotted him. He said that he had fenced off the area and posted signs in appropriate places. They asked for an extension, and Porter said that he will be working on it all summer.

Board agreed to allow them to fix it up as long as the fence is keeping people out of harm's way.

Board reviewed a contract from Verizon Wireless, and decided that it needs to be reviewed by Town Counsel. Brown will send it to Bill Drescher.

Board discussed the burn permit requested by Justin Dufoe, and his complaint that it did not have an expiration date. Board agreed that all permits must have an expiration date. It is appropriate that they run for one calendar year, and that it should show prominently on the permits.

8:00 pm Dan Butler came before the Board to resolve a welfare lien on a property he has foreclosed on. Board voted to release the property from the welfare lien.

8:20 pm Tom Lorden came in at the Board's request. He has filed an "Intent to Cut Timber" on several lots owned by Joe Carleton Jr. The Board asked him to tell them about the cut. Lorden said that it will be a selective cut, and that Don Hardwick will do the cutting. All trails will be left open and will stay intact. They will start in July, all wetland permits will

be pulled and slashings will be cleaned up, and the landings will be located on Old Amherst Rd at the house lot where the old barn was and one more across from the house in the woods.

Board thanked him for coming in.

Board reviewed a letter from Bill McKinney, Chair of the Future Use of Town Buildings Committee. It states that, the first phase of the project has been completed and they will reform the Committee to begin interviews for Architects to conduct the Building Study.

The new committee will be called the Mont Vernon Building Use Committee, and there are three members that will not be part of it. Colin Cass, Jeff Johnson and Roxanne O'Brien will not continue and will be replaced by John Arico, Jessica Hinkley and Vanessa Chavez.

Board voted to appoint Arico, Hinkley and Chavez to the Mont Vernon Building Use Committee. All in favor.

Board reviewed the minutes of May 9; Quinlan motioned, seconded by Whipple to accept the minutes of May 9, 2016 as amended. All in favor.

Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

There will be no meeting next Monday as it is Memorial Day.

9:05 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Whipple motioned, seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie M. Brown