

TOWN OF LANESBOROUGH SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Submitted by Diane Stevens, Town Secretary  
October 6, 2014

Present: Mr. John Goerlach, Chairman  
Mr. Robert Ericson  
Mr. Henry Sayers  
Mr. Paul Sieloff, Town Administrator

Warrants: Warrants Signed

The meeting was opened by John Goerlach at 6:05 p.m.

Public Comment

Ron Tinkham came before the Board relative to Channel 2 and his desire to resign. Mr. Sieloff stated that he has been looking into other entities for help and has a meeting with Pittsfield Community Television tomorrow night at which time he is going to ask for a long term proposal or at the very least an immediate proposal to help out until end of the year. Mr. Sieloff will report back to the Board after tomorrow night's meeting. Ms. Nancy Tunncliffe came before the Board to ask about using Bridge Street Park as a dog park when the field is not in use. Mr. Goerlach stated that they would have to speak with the Recreation Committee to check schedules and would get back to her. Mr. Sieloff stated that he would present her letter to the Recreation Committee to ask for feedback. Thomas Mierzejewski came before the Board to ask to be appointed as an alternate to the Dock Bylaw Committee. Mr. Tinkham stated that the next meeting for the Committee is scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup>. Motion 14-183. Motion made by Henry Sayers to appoint Thomas Mierzejewski as an alternate to the Dock Bylaw Committee, seconded by Robert Ericson. Unanimously voted.[#8]

Announcement of Committee Vacancies: Sewer Commission, Cable Committee, and Energy Committee and others.

Mr. Sieloff stated that is has been a struggle to get people to come in to sign their appointment slips. Mr. Sieloff told the Board that he would get a list together of vacancies and a list of people who have not been sworn and present it at the next meeting.

Permit(s), Contract(s), Use of Town Property and Appointment(s)

**Heavy Vehicle Use/Temporary Access Permit filed by William Tattersall for Rosenberg Road.** Mr. Sayers asked if there was a bond with the permit. Mr. Goerlach stated that the Town did not require one; that the permit was just to inform the Town of their presence so that the DPW Director could keep an eye on the road. A memorandum from DPW Director William Decelles was presented to the Board stating that he had no issues with this application but would like to be notified upon commencement and completion of the work so the road and culverts could be inspected. If there is any damage Mr. Tattersall would be responsible for repairs. Motion 14-178. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the Heavy Vehicle Use/Temporary Access Permit filed by William Tattersall for Rosenberg Road with the conditions of the DPW Director, seconded by Henry Sayers. Unanimously voted.[#1]

#### Stantec Landfill Monitoring Contract

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with a proposal from Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. This is the annual contract to test the various areas near the Town landfill required by the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Sieloff stated that it is within the Town's budget and is for the entire year. Mr. Sieloff stated that it is a good proposal although he thought that the price for replacing the filter was a bit high and is looking into getting 1 or 2 other quotes to make sure that the price is fair. Mr. Sieloff would like the Board to approve the proposal as is and he will look into trying to get the filter price reduced. Motion 14-179. Motion made by Henry Sayers to accept the proposal of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for a price not to exceed \$39,000, seconded by Robert Ericson. Unanimously voted.[#2]

#### Quarterly review of Board's Open Projects List

Mr. Sieloff provided the Board with a list of open projects which will now be presented to the Board on a quarterly basis. Mr. Sieloff asked the Board to review the list, make revisions and bring it back to the next meeting. Mr. Goerlach stated that #3 and #26 can be removed, and that the Fire Station needed to be added to #36. Mr. Sieloff stated that he will make these few changes and if there is anything else the Board wants to change to please let him know and it will be added to the January Agenda.[#3]

#### Electrical Aggregation Contract

Mr. Sieloff stated that this is the Town's annual contract. Colonial Power Group, Inc. solicited and received 3 proposals and this is their recommendation. Residents have the option of being on this program or with Western Mass. Electric Company. Mr. Sieloff stated that the electrical rates have gone up quite substantially. Mr. Sieloff stated that the quotes are good for 24 hours and that if the rates go down people can opt out and go back to WMECO. Mr. Sieloff stated that Colonial Power was recommending the 12 month program. Mr. Ericson wanted to know why the Town wouldn't opt for a longer program. Mr. Goerlach thought it would be in the Town's best interest to approve the contract for a two year term. Motion 14-180. Motion to approve Lanesborough's Community Choice Power Supply Program for two years made by John Goerlach, seconded by Robert Ericson. Unanimously voted.[#4]

#### Balance Rock Road & Bull Hill Intersection

Mr. Sieloff told the Board that a resident had expressed concern about safety issues at the intersection of Balance Rock and Bull Hill Road. Mr. Sieloff stated that he spoke with DPW Director William Decelles and Police Chief Mark Bashara and they felt that the intersection did not require more signage to rectify the problem. Mr. Ericson asked if the vegetation blocking the visibility was on a right of way owned by the Town. Mr. Goerlach stated that signs in each direction may help but the Town would have to survey the property because the homeowners are not in agreement with cutting back the vegetation. Mr. Sieloff stated that he would bring the matter back to the Board in the next month or two after DPW Director Decelles has had a chance to speak with the homeowner. Mr. Sayers stated that there were also drainage issues in that area and that DPW Director Decelles is waiting for a pipe to be delivered. Mr. Goerlach would like Mr. Sieloff to get back to the Board at the next meeting regarding this drainage issue.

### Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy and Fuel Efficient Replacement Plan

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with a revised draft policy for their review. Mr. Sieloff asked Mr. Ericson if this policy was necessary for the Green Community application and Mr. Ericson stated that it was. Mr. Goerlach asked if the policy was reviewed by the Police and Fire Departments and Mr. Ericson stated that it was. Motion 14-181. Motion made by Robert Ericson to accept the Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy and Fuel Efficient Replacement Plan, seconded by Henry Sayers. Unanimously voted.[#5]

### Laston Park Committee Bylaws

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with a revised draft policy for their review. Mr. Sieloff stated that the Town could use this as a template for other committees. Motion 14-182. Motion made by Robert Ericson to accept the Laston Park Committee Bylaws, seconded by Henry Sayers. Unanimously voted.[#6]

### Use of Town Property Policy and Fee Schedule

Mr. Sieloff presented the Board with a revised draft policy for their review. Mr. Sieloff stated that he added facilities to the policy to include the Library, Town Hall Parking Lot, Laston Field, Bridge Street Park and Narragansett Park. Mr. Goerlach thought that the fees were excessive. Mr. Sieloff stated that the Board could waive or modify fees if necessary. Mr. Sieloff stated that the fees were for the protection of the Town's property. Mr. Sieloff stated that having the building closed on Friday's and Sunday's could save the Town money and the fees would offset the cost of keeping the building open. Mr. Sayers agreed. Mr. Goerlach stated that he would like language to state that the fees for use would be at the discretion of the Board. Mr. Ericson also stated that he thought the fees were high especially for Town residents but the Board would need to be careful regarding consistency of price. The Board decided to review the policy and bring it back at next meeting.[#7]

### Police Department Building Renovation Project/Heating System Proposals

Mr. Sieloff submitted a request for prevailing wage rates for both projects but has not yet received the information. Mr. Ericson stated that propane vs. oil would be more cost effective and would also give more space due to the removal of the oil tank. Mr. Sayers asked about the price of a propane tank. Mr. Ericson said we could possibly tie into the one at the historical building. Mr. Sieloff stated that he would get 3 quotes for oil vs. propane but the Town cannot proceed until we get the prevailing wage rates. Mr. Sieloff will present quotes to the Board when they are received.

### Regional School Options - 5 Member Research Committee

Mr. Sieloff asked the Board if they wanted to wait until after the meeting with the Finance and School Committees on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss appointments to this Research Committee. The Board agreed and the matter will be placed on the Agenda for the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Other business which could not have been reasonably foreseen within 48 hours of the meeting

None.

### Selectmen's Items

Mr. Ericson talked about the roofing project and the need for more insulation, which was recommended by the roofing contractor, the architect and the engineer. Mr. Sayers asked Mr. Sieloff about Rockwell Road project. Mr. Sieloff will check on status of Department of Conservation and Recreation letter and report back to the Board. Mr. Goerlach asked about the status of the ID badges. Mr. Sieloff reported to the Board that an ID machine has been obtained and as soon as the Town Secretary receives pictures from the Town employees who will require an ID they will be made. John Goerlach asked about the water line on Orebed Road. Mr. Sieloff stated that he has the criteria for the waterline and will send the information to the Board via email. If the criteria is agreed upon Mr. Sieloff will send out for proposals from engineering firms to manage the project. Mr. Goerlach asked if the Water Department is willing to do the work do we need to pay for an engineer to oversee the project. Mr. Sieloff recommended to the Board that an engineer act as a point person as the Department of Environmental Protection wants a report from the Town in the next couple of months and there are areas that he felt would require a certain level of expertise and it would be more beneficial for the Town to have an engineer on the project. Mr. Goerlach stated that the Water Department has two members on staff that could handle this thereby saving the Town money. Mr. Sieloff stated that he would approach the Water Department to see if they would be willing to manage project.

### Town Administrator Report

Mr. Sieloff talked about the roofing project. Mr. Sieloff would like to bring an Article at the next Town meeting to set aside additional money to make the necessary additional repairs that were brought to light when work was recently being done. Mr. Goerlach asked what else needed to be done. Mr. Ericson stated that additional insulation and ventilation needs to be put in place. Mr. Ericson stated that he would get an estimate as to what works needs to be done but did not think it would be that expensive to repair.

### Approve Minutes

Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the minutes of September 8, 2014, seconded by Henry Sayers. Unanimously voted. Motion made by Robert Ericson to approve the minutes of September 22, 2014, seconded by Henry Sayers. Unanimously voted. John Goerlach abstained from vote.

### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Henry Sayers, seconded by Robert Ericson. Unanimously voted. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

### **Footnotes:**

- [#1] Heavy Vehicle Use/Temporary Access Permit of William Tattersall for Rosenberg Road
- [#2] Stantec Landfill Monitoring Contract
- [#3] Board of Selectmen Open Projects List
- [#4] Proposed 1 Year Electrical Aggregation Contract (not accepted by the Board)
- [#5] Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy and Fuel Efficient Replacement Plan
- [#6] Laston Park Committee Bylaws
- [#7] Facility Use Policy
- [#8] Citizen Interest Form of Thomas Mierzejewski