

APPROVED 06/11/2009

At 6:15 pm the Board's meeting was called to order at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, in the basement meeting room. Present were Selectmen Greta St Germain, Brett Hunter, and Donald Gates Jr; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

Selectmen reviewed the mail folder and the agenda for the evening. Minutes from last week were also reviewed as the mail folder circulated.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for 21 May 2009. Some adjustments to wording were made by the Board. With all in order, a motion to accept the minutes of May 21, 2009 as amended was made by Hunter. St Germain seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

At 6:45 pm John Wilder arrived for his appointment.

Mr Wilder met with the Board to discuss the tax matters related to two lots in the Cooperage Development that are three years behind in taxes.

Mr Wilder explained to the Board his current financial situation and what is happening with his bank. He indicated that the bank is planning to take care of the taxes on the old fire station lot. He said he is actively trying to market the other lot (a five acre commercial site); and believes he may know something around the time of the tax deed date (June 25).

Wilder will check back with Carlson to let the Board know prior to their meeting of June 25th what the status is.

There was discussion about the project and how the economy has been the problem in making the site plan all come together. All felt this was incredibly unfortunate for the Town as well as the Developer.

Selectmen thanked Wilder and he left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

2. With regard to follow-up from the May 21 meeting, Carlson clarified that the Board was set with the Memorandum of Understanding as proposed by Comcast, aside from the typographical errors. This will alter the performance dates of some of the work, and will allow Comcast to hold on to the money and pay themselves back for the work, until the Town votes to set up a revolving cable fund for franchise fee deposits. The MOU will be prepared in final format for Board signature.

In follow-up to the discussion on bi-annual tax billing last week, Carlson also clarified that the Board wanted to set up a couple of public hearings that could be appropriately noticed in the July and August Newsletters and the cable channel, about going to bi-annual tax billing. The purpose would be to explain to taxpayers why the Town needs to make this change as well as answer questions on the process. The information presented from the Tax Collector is also needed for this preparation.

3. There was a brief discussion about the SRRDD 53-B appointment. St Germain has sent an email to Doug Cowie but has not yet been able to speak with him. She is considering being the Town's representative and Carlson will likely be the back-up representative. The meetings are believed to be only quarterly since the reorganization of the District.

4. The Sawyer legal case has been forwarded to Thom Roy for follow-up as the 90 days granted in the original Superior Court Order is now past. The Board wanted Thom to move it ahead to John Ryan so as not to waste further time in the enforcement action.
5. The Board discussed moving ahead with the work at the edge of the Miller property on North Road. The Millers have scheduled time with the Board on June 11th, but Selectmen want to move ahead with the work immediately following that meeting, unless the Miller's have a better plan to get the work done at no cost, as is the current proposal. Carlson was asked to talk with the Road Agent about his work schedule for the week following June 11th.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the payroll manifest \$20,938.80 and accounts payable manifest \$30,487.36 for current week, dated 05/29/2009. Motion was made by Hunter to approve the vendor manifest in the amount of \$30,487.36. St Germain seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Hunter then moved to approve the payroll manifest in the amount of \$20,938.80. St Germain seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.
2. For the Board's meeting of every other week for the summer, it was decided that the procedure for approval of accounts payable manifests will be that all Selectmen will be contacted once the manifest is done; and two signatures are needed to release checks. This can be two Board members or Heidi Carlson and at least one Board member.
3. Selectmen signed outgoing correspondence for Memorial Day thank you letters to: Richard Porter, Glen Easson, Dick Heselton and Betty Stanley, Mary Anderson, Roger Anderson I, Roger Anderson II, Jesse Hamel, Dick Rand, Michael Holmes, Leon Holmes Sr, Mark DeVeber, Guerwood Holmes, Doug Cowie, Howard Page, Pat Kelly, Makayla Butler, Tom and Elaine McGall, Ellis School, Dunlap Highland Band, Jennine Cyr, Fremont Parks & Recreation, Fremont Police Department, Fremont Fire Rescue Department, Fremont Athletic Association, LCDR Douglas Munz, Lillian Pratt, Darrell Turner, Bertram Seaver, Martha Abney, Doug McElroy, Fremont Garden Club, Karleigh Giguere, Stasia Sturdivant, Amanda Arsenault, Joshua Cooley, Nick Ferro, Sarah Croteau, and Jeanne Nygren.

4. Abatements reviewed and processed:

Donald & Kathleen Marshall 30 Ingalls Lane 06-064.013

St Germain read aloud the Assessor's Recommendation: Subject is a 2.01 acre parcel improved with a colonial style residence. Reason for request is that the applicant feels the value is overstated based on recent sales. The applicant would not allow an interior inspection and only the exterior was reviewed with the owner present. The analysis provided by the owner used 2007 and 2008 sales to calculate and average per square foot building value. This is not considered a good indicator of a proper assessment. The same properties sold in 2004, 2005, and 2006 and indicate that the property is not over-assessed. A measurement error was determined and was corrected. After this adjustment the assessment increased. It is recommended that the abatement be denied.

Gates then made a motion to deny the abatement based on the Assessor's recommendation. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Estate of Frank Bettencourt 13 Clough Crossing 02-029

St Germain read aloud the Assessor's Recommendation: Subject is a 6.19 acre parcel improved with a ranch style residence and a lodge type building. It is the site of the former Exeter River Campground. The reason for the request is that the property has not been an active campground since 2006, the

With no further business, motion was made by Hunter and seconded by St Germain to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator