

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
MINUTES
January 2, 2007

Meeting Open: 7:30

Present: Joe Strzegowski, Christina Conklin, Jack Lochhead, Tom Spiro

Appointments

7:30 Andrea Llamas, Liz Braccia – Interview for Town Accountant

Andrea has worked with Conway's accounts and with Tom Scanlon. She has also experience working with budgets in Ashfield. She makes the initial recommendations for the use of Ashfield's stabilization account and free cash. She works directly with the Ashfield Town Accountant (Janet Schwem) and interoperates her findings to the Selectboard. She has no formal training in accounting but has set up accounts for Conway as well as for her husband's businesses. Andrea has completed the first year of Treasurer's school.

She would work one day per week in the town office and also nights when necessary. She then sold Girl Scout cookies to everyone.

8:00 Bob Baker – Personnel issue

Bob called Tony Sakowicz on Saturday night (12/30/06) to come in to work sanding the roads and there was no answer. Tony was also called in New Year's morning (1/1/07) and found that Tony's wife was not aware of his whereabouts and had been missing for a few days. Tony then called on Tuesday morning (1/2/07) at 6:15AM to say he "wouldn't be in for some time", and then called later that day at 3:00PM to explain that he was entering into a rehabilitation clinic.

The Selectboard then voted to fire Tony and asked Bob to send a registered letter to him to that affect. Andrea was still present and the Board asked her to send resumes from Ashfield's recent laborer search. Tom will place another advertisement in The Recorder and The Gazette to search for a replacement. The Board also voted to give Bob permission to hire his son on a temporary basis in an emergency situation if Adam was interested.

Meeting Items

- § Warrant – as per agenda
- § Approved minutes of 12/18/06
- § Paul Schwem was hired to look at the office computers for existing viruses but could not find anything wrong. Computers will be turned off at night from now on.
- § The Mallery property needed more work to clean up oil waste based on findings by Tighe & Bond.
- § Jack Fitz-Gibbon was asked to send a certified letter or Gary Lisewski's attorney regarding completion of the land purchase, and if there is no answer in one week someone will call Gary once again to ask what they need from the town to move the deal forward.
- § There will be a new lock and keys for the Town Hall shortly.
- § The Board voted to send a letter of support to Steve Kulik's office regarding the designation of Route 116 as a State Scenic By-Way.
- § The Board reviewed possible cost-of-living increases based on information given to them by Tom. The range was between 2.5% and 3.5% with a likely increase for FY2008 of 3%.

Mail and Other Items

- § Warrants as per agenda
- § Other mail items as per agenda

9:45 PM

Motion to adjourn by Christina, 2nd by Jack, all in favor.