

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
MINUTES
May 7, 2007

Meeting Open: 7:30

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

Appointments

7:30 Truck Bids Opening – Dana Goodfield, Bob Baker

Dana Chevrolet bid \$32,001.43 for the sale of a new pickup truck with a \$9,000 trade in for the currently owned truck. Lorenz Chevrolet bid \$33,314.09 with no trade in. The bid was awarded to Dana Chevrolet.

Dana Chevrolet bid \$37,208.54 for the sale of a new Diesel Cab & Chassis. Lorenz bid \$41,338.60. The bid was awarded to Dana Chevrolet. Dana will provide Bob with specifications to meet his needs.

8:00 Mowing Bids Opening - Bear River Landscaping, River Valley Landscaping

Bear River's bids were as follows:

- Outlying cemetery \$2,300
- Town Commons \$3,400
- Grammar School \$3,000
- Roadside Mowing \$4,800
- Bigalow Lot \$ 200

River Valley's bids were as follows:

- Outlying cemetery \$2,750
- Town Commons \$3,700
- Grammar School \$2,850

The bid for the grammar school property was awarded to River Valley Landscaping and the rest was awarded to Bear River Landscaping.

Bear River was then asked to give a quote on repair work to the town ball field.

8:30 Conservation Commission – Peter Jeswald, Tom Miner, Dean Scudder, Jessica Roberts, Alexa Flanders

A review of the history of Flagg Mountain was given. This included a request for a reissued enforcement order. The time line was extended to August due to weather constraints. However, the forest cutting plan had been terminated. The Commission did sign off on the driveway. Then there was a discussion on how the town will verify its slope.

The abutments of the bridge that Natural Roots uses to access their land and house are threatened. The Conservation Commission gave their permission to place rip wrap on the river bank.

9:00 Jay Gump, Peter Jeswald – Drainage on Old Cricket Hill Road, Bob Baker present

According to Peter, Old Cricket Hill Road washes out often. Water runs off by the Divine driveway and said the culverts are undersized. Peter Freisem has drained his field so it no longer acts as a retention basin. Peter and Jay propose to hire an engineer to design a water runoff for the entire stream basin. To replace the culverts a Determination and Notice of Intent must be filed. If the town pays for an engineering study it will need an easement from the landowner(s). Peter and Jay wanted to know if the town is interested in showing the engineering costs of the design. Engineers to be considered were Greg Newman and Doug Maclay of SVE Associates in Greenfield. The town has FEMA money to replace the culvert but they require a replacement and not an upgrade. Bob suggested that the town ask the engineer applicants for the Bardwell's Ferry Road project to review this job as well. Huntley, Greg Newman and SVE will be contacted to give us a quote for Old Cricket Hill.

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Meeting Items

- § Approved minutes of 4/30/07
- § A pickup truck on Whately Road may belong to Wayne Young. Tom called to check into the owners interest. Ken Ouimette checked the registration and determined that it was owned by Puffer. They will be asked to move the vehicle.
- § Jack asked Bob Baker about access to Bullitt Road. Bob has no problem with closing it.
- § Bob Baker was appointed as the new Enhancement 911-Coordinator.
- § The issues of fording the South River were discussed. It is used by Ron Boyden to access Bob Corse's field. Ron requested to move the ford a small distance, which may be allowable.
- § The Board discussed the new Open Space Committee, the new Agricultural Commission and the new Common Driveway Bylaw Committee. The Selectboard will post all three committees and ask for volunteers. Board members will ask the following people for their level of interest:
 1. For the Open Space Committee – Ron Boyden, Jocelyn Forbush, Tony Borton, Rinah Summer, Bill Graves
 2. Agricultural Commission – Mike Barlow, David Fisher, Faith Tibeaux, John Wholey, Howard Boyden.
- § A review of annual license fees was done. Tom proposed a more simplified system. The Board approved the changes.
- § Tom reported that Greg Rose said he can clear his former land by the end of May.
- § Tom reported that the Mark Germain Fund earned \$36,758.68 in interest in the last year.

Mail and Other Items

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

9:00 PM

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