

Selectmen's Meeting
December 5, 2007

Present: *Chad Hanna, Bob Tibbetts, Paul Yates, Kristine Poland*

Also present: *Greg and Shelley Brackett, Sandee Brackett, Phil Congdon, petitioner for Senior Spectrum*

1. Greg and Shelley Brackett are interested in gifting an approximate 1,000 foot x 2,000 foot parcel of land to the Town. Brackett's goal is to have trails for public use. One of the hurdles would be access to the lot. An abutter is willing to put in access as he is interested in building in the future. Brackett asked if it would be possible to get local contractors to volunteer time and equipment to keep costs down. This has been done in the past under the direction of the Parks Commission. It will require a vote of the Town to accept the gift. Tibbetts moved to add the question to the Town Meeting warrant. The motion was seconded by Yates and carried 3-0. The Selectmen are awaiting a letter of gift stating any conditions and signed by Brackett and the abutter.
2. One of Senior Spectrum's petitioners asked why 150 signatures are required to get a money request on the warrant. The Selectmen explained that the number of required signatures is based on 10% of the vote at the last gubernatorial election. They feel this demonstrates a commitment from the organization. The Budget Committee also requires that the agency provide current financials and that a representative attend the budget meeting. Any agency is invited to request that the process be changed at the upcoming budget meetings and the request will be considered by the Committee and the Board of Selectmen.
3. Reviewed memo from CLD Engineering outlining work yet to be completed at the Partridge Bridge.
4. Pemaquid Watershed Association asked about obtaining sponsorship from Bath Savings for the Bristol Recreational Trail. The sponsor would provide \$500.00 per year for three years for trail maintenance. Tibbetts moved to accept the arrangement. The motion was seconded by Yates and carried 3-0.
5. Building permit – Hassenpflug, tax map 8 lot 7, 108-07/08, approved.
6. Reviewed memo from Code Enforcement provided for informational purposes only.
7. Reviewed Shellfish Warden's log.
8. Discussed Harbor Master salaries. Two of the Harbor Masters did not attend training in 2007. The Selectmen will require that they attend training in 2008 or they will not be able to serve as Harbor Masters. The Harbor Committee meeting scheduled for December 13th was rescheduled for Tuesday December 18th at 7:00 pm. Notice will be sent to all committee members.
9. Discussed the possibility of applying for a bulk mail permit. The Selectmen would like to send out one mailing without the permit to identify potential cost savings.
10. Reviewed updated sales analysis.
11. Reviewed and approved minutes of November 28, 2007.
12. Reviewed and approved disbursement warrants for the week.
13. Reviewed revenues and expenses for the year. A Special Town Meeting will be held Wednesday December 26th to clean up accounts. At this time it appears the only overage will be the Partridge Bridge loan.

14. Reviewed tax acquired property. Hanna moved to transfer the tax acquired trailer formerly owned by Virgil Benner to Mable Benner for \$200.00. The motion was seconded by Yates and carried 3-0.
15. Discussed the copper theft at the Transfer Station in general.
16. Entered executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F) to discuss applications for poverty abatement.

Adjourned.