

**SELECT BOARD MEETING
MAY 17, 2010**

PRESENT: Paul Rooney, Chairman; Denise Lindahl; Drexell White; Amon Morse, Road Commissioner; Barbara O'Leary, Town Clerk

Citizen Concerns:

Easement:

Marjorie Crowley realtor, and Joe Moser attorney, were present to discuss an easement at 529 Shore Road. Ms. Crowley explained the owners are selling their property and a septic inspection showed a new septic is necessary. There have been three different systems in the past and a water tank in the area near the shore. These encroach onto the Town's right of way. The new septic and well, will be moved away from the water, but still in the right of way. This is an improved system that will function much better than prior systems. A soil test was conducted and is satisfactory. Ms. Crowley is requesting an easement for the new owners.

Joe Moser presented an easement he wrote up along with a survey of the proposed septic area. He stated it is a simple easement that addresses the use of the land only. Once approved, they will be filed at the Registry of Deeds and a copy sent to the Town.

Tax Collector Barbara O'Leary noted the property has a lien for back taxes asked when the taxes would be paid in full. Taxes are owed for 2008 & 2009. Mr. Moser stated the closing is set for Friday and a check for the back taxes will be sent to the office.

Drexell White asked if it was customary to have the Town Attorney review the easement and the plan. Paul Rooney and Denise Lindahl felt it was a straightforward agreement that addressed the issue of the septic and well. Drexell recommended having the town attorney review these in the future to be sure all is in order and no precedents are set that may be to the disadvantage of the Town.

The Board agreed with Drexell and approved the easement.

Dog Issue:

Several residents Eagle Drive were present to discuss an ongoing dog issue. Diane Kimball stated there are two dogs that roam the neighborhood and are aggressive. She pointed out there are children on the street who need to walk down to get the bus and are afraid. John Bielamowicz stated the problem with the dogs has been ongoing for almost two years. The owner, Karen Austin, has been in trouble with them before. She now lets them run free at odd hours and they defecate on lawns throughout the street. He has come home and found them on his porch. He further stated they are aggressive, menacing and bare their teeth and growl at people.

The Board stated the ACO, Jerry Tucker, had been instructed to attend this meeting to hear the latest complaints with these dogs. The Clerk was instructed to call him and see if he was coming. When the Clerk returned she stated he had forgot and was on his way. She also stated Ms. Austin had been in the office recently to register her car and the Deputy Clerk reminded her the dogs had not been licensed. She stated she was getting rid of them at the end of the week, which would have been last Friday. Ms. Kimball stated the dogs were still there.

Paul Rooney stated the Town recently passed a new dog control ordinance that he feels these dogs would fall under. When the ACO arrives the Board will instruct him to summons Ms. Austin for dangerous dogs and dogs running at large. He noted Ms. Austin has been told before to keep the dogs tied up and is not in compliance.

The residents thanked the Board for listening to their concerns.

Bids: Paving & Ditching

Paul Rooney noted paving and ditching were separated out since contractors expressed interest in bidding on only part of the project.

Paving:

Marriners Inc.	\$72.90/ton	\$316,369.85
	Reclaiming	\$1.25sq.yd.
Lane Construction, Inc.	\$66.70/ton	\$291,103.45
	Reclaiming	\$1.35sq.yd.
TR Ginise Paving	\$75.70/ton	\$312,448.00
	Reclaiming	\$1.45sq.yd.

Under motion of Paul Rooney, second by Drexell White, the Board voted 3-0 to accept the bid of Lane Construction.

Ditching:

FC Work & Sons, Inc.	\$12.00	\$63,600.00
	\$1.25overage	\$ 6,600.00
Total:		\$70,200.00
Aitken Gravel, Inc.	\$9.43	\$49,036.00
	\$1.80	\$ 3,240.00
Total:		\$52,276.00

Under motion of Paul Rooney, second by Denise Lindahl, the Board voted 3-0 to accept the bid of Aitkin Gravel, Inc.

NVC:

Ned Lightner, NVC representative was present. Denise Lindahl asked if Mr. Lightner would like to sit in on the Zero Sort presentation for recycling by Jim Dunning of Pine Tree Waste. She explained the Town is looking into this program to encourage more recycling in Northport. Mr. Lightner expressed interest in the program and thought it could be good for renters in the Village. Jim Dunning was introduced.

Mr. Dunning presented a proposal for Zero Sort Recycling. He stated that as far as renters go, most are recycling where they live. It would be easy for them to continue that process while here on vacation. Pine Tree will help with educating residents with this system.

Northport already has the containers so no expense will be incurred there. Pine Tree will continue to use the 20yd containers. All recyclables will be put in these containers and then hauled away. Pine Tree proposes a fee of \$130 per trip for transportation and processing the materials. This will reduce the Town's hauling fee. Ned Lightner pointed out his would also reduce the sticker revenue for the Town but decrease its operating expenses.

Mr. Lightner would like to see renters recycle more and with Zero Sort it feels like they would. He asked if there would be informational materials available for cottages in the Bayside area. Mr. Dunning will have brochures made that list what can and cannot be recycled. He also feels introducing students to recycling is a good step. They get excited and take the information home.

Drexell White brought up having a container placed at the Drinkwater school where Village residents could easily access it for recycling. It could be kept at the school over the summer and removed when they return in the fall and most renters have left.

Denise Lindahl asked if a 20yd container should be used at the school and if so how would it get removed. Mr. Dunning did not think the roll-off was necessary, and a container we already have would work. He also said Pine Tree does not have commercial pick up in Northport yet, but does in Belfast. Since the school is near the Belfast line, he would see if that container could be picked up with Belfast.

Ned Lightner asked if the school were not a viable spot, where else could a container be placed. Barbara Peabody did not think the school was the best place for a container. She stated no one is there and wondered if people would start dropping other non-recyclables at this location. She felt it would be better to keep everything at the Transfer Station.

Drexell White asked if in 6 months this was not working, would the Town be penalized. Mr. Dunning stated if it does not work out, we would go back to our current system with no harm done, no penalty.

Paul Rooney asked what kind of education Pine Tree would do. Mr. Dunning said they would be at the Transfer Station passing out information, helping residents and answering any questions. They will brochures made up and magnets available that tell what can be recycled. He also suggested going to the school if there is time before the leave for summer vacation.

Denise Lindahl stated this was a great opportunity for Northport to become more proactive regarding recycling. Tim Pattern, Transfer Station Supervisor is behind this as well and has offered to help pass out flyers and inform residents.

Drexell White asked if a template could be sent to the office so in the future we could make up the brochures and add it to the Town's website. He also recommended Dan Webster get a copy as well. Jim Dunning will send it to the Clerk

Under motion of Denise Lindahl, second by Paul Rooney, the Board voted 3-0 to go forward with Zero Sort Recycling as outlined by Pine Tree Waste and present the information at Town Meeting.

Ned Lightner asked if he could have recycling bins for renters to use. He thought this would make it easier to use. Jim Dunning said he could get decals to put on the bins to encourage recycling. He will also have the containers at the Transfer Station cleaned up and repainted with Zero Sort for easy identification.

The Board thanked Mr. Dunning for his proposal and presentation.

NVC matters, Mr. Lightner stated the Overseers submitted a letter to the Board regarding the wharf project. They outlined where funds from the Town could be spent if approved at the Town Meeting. He said this would improve the wharf for all Northport residents since the harbor is open to everyone.

Mr. Lightner will report to the Overseers the Zero Sort Recycling project. He stated information could be posted on the bulletin boards throughout the Village.

Francis & Tammy Bonin were present to discuss an easement for their land locked property at Knights Pond. Mr. Bonin presented a map showing where his property lies. He would like an easement across Town land to access his property. Paul Rooney asked if any of this is conservation land. Mr. Bonin was not sure. Paul Rooney recommended town attorney Bill Kelly review the property map and determine if any of the land be in conservation. If it is, an easement may not be possible. The Board will wait to hear from Bill Kelly and then contact the Bonins.

ACO:

Jerry Tucker joined the meeting. He stated he has the complaints from the residents on Eagle Drive along with photos of the dogs. He has contacted the Knox County Humane Society who said if Karen Austin no longer wants the dogs, part of the adoption is that they go back to the society if no longer wanted. He also said with the new dog ordinance they would be considered dangerous dogs. Paul Rooney stated this is not the first time she has been warned about the dogs and Jerry is to give her a summons. He also instructed the ACO to turn in all reports and photos to the Clerk, where they should be kept in the office. The ACO will bring all his reports to the office on Tuesday. Denise Lindahl asked if his phone had been turned back on. The ACO has a new cell phone, which is working and kept the same phone number: 322-1899.

Roads & Bridges:

Road Commissioner Amon Morse reported the ditching would begin early June.

Paul Rooney presented the Letter of Agreement with Dirigo Engineering for the design work on High and Mountain Streets. It was agreed they would write up all the specs.

Amon Morse reported Jerri Finch on Prescott Hill complained about the ditching that was done last year. He has inspected the area and does not see a problem. She would like the ditch leveled off but he feels this would compromise the purpose of the ditching work and the flow of the water. He suggested she come to the Board meeting tonight, but she did not attend. The Board agreed with the Road Commissioner, that the ditch is functioning, as it should.

Drexell White asked if FC Work has started the rockwork at Kelly Cove. Amon Morse stated they would level off the area and bring rocks in when they are working in that area. The Board would like this project completed soon.

Clerk's Report:**Liquor License:**

The Dos Amigos liquor license is up for renewal. They have had a license for over five years and the hearing may be waived at the discretion of the Board. The Board agreed to waive the hearing.

Under motion of Paul Rooney, second by Denise Lindahl, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the liquor license of Dos Amigos.

Town reports will be ready by Friday and distributed.

School Board Director: Jay Stager has expressed interest in the open position for School Board Director for Northport. I explained this would be a write in election. This term fills the last year of Duffy Woods term who resigned. There are two write in candidates, Jay Stager and Gerry Reid.

CDBG: The Town received a letter the application on behalf of Swans Island Blankets has progressed to the next round. The Clerk will notify Bill Laurita.

CEO: John Larson and Toupie Rooney are working with residents in Temple Heights on septic violations. One resident will install a new holding tank. The Clerk submitted forms on behalf of the CEO for the Board to sign and send to the State.

Boston Post Cane: the Clerk stated the cane should be presented to the oldest living resident in Northport. This is Bruce Grant who just turned 101. The Board recommended contacting the family and see if Mr. Grant would be agreeable to receiving the cane.

Minutes:

The Select Board minutes of May 3, 2010 and the Special Town Meeting minutes of May 4, 2010 were reviewed.

Under motion of Paul Rooney, second by Denise Lindahl, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of May 3, 2010 as presented.

Under motion of Paul Rooney second by Drexell White, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the Special Town Meeting of May 4, 2010 as corrected.

Denise Lindahl asked the Clerk to email the approved minutes of May 4, 2010 to Andrew Johnson at the DOT. The article approving the purchase of the Route 1 land is required as the Town goes forward with the purchase.

A notice will be placed to change the June 7th Select Board meeting to 5:00pm instead of 6:00pm.

Old Business:

Drexell White presented a change to the proposed Building Permit Ordinance from Village Overseer Judy Metcalf. Section 3 – Applicability, Ms. Metcalf recommended the following: “ To the extent that certain geographic areas of the Town of Northport are subject to Land Use Ordinances, such as the Shore land Zoning Ordinance and the Northport Village Corporation Zoning Ordinance this Ordinance shall apply in a manner which is consistent with the terms and conditions of those Ordnances and not instead of those ordinances.”

Drexell will email this change to John Larson and Bill Kelly for input.

Town Meeting Warrant:

The finalized warrant for the town meeting was reviewed with the following changes:

Art. 9 was revised to \$19,000.00

Art. 10 was changed to include the proposed Building Permit Ordinance.

The official warrant will be posted no later than Monday, May 28, 2010.

Under motion of Paul Rooney, second by Denise Lindahl, the Board voted 3-0 to enter Executive Session at 8:25pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Under motion of Paul Rooney, second by Denise Lindahl, the Board voted 3-0 to return to Regular Session at 9:05pm.

Under motion of Paul Rooney, second by Denise Lindahl, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Barbara O'Leary Town Administrator for a one year term beginning July 1, 2010 with a salary of \$43,000.00 per year, 100% health insurance and the first six months shall be probationary. This appointment is contingent upon salary approval at the annual Town Meeting on June 7, 2010.

All other Town appointments will be made by June 30th, 2010. The Clerk will place an ad in the newspaper for letters of interest.

Under motion of Paul Rooney, second by Denise Lindahl, the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara O'Leary
Town Clerk