

MINUTES
Overseers Meeting
February 12, 2012

Present:

President: Josiah Huntoon
Village Agent: William H. Paige
Treasurer: Bill Cressey
Distribution Operator: Billy Paige
Clerk: Maureen Einstein

Overseers: Marge Brockway
Ned Lightner
Lee Houghton
Judy Metcalf
Denis Wang
Steve Kazilionis
Maureen O'Keefe

Visitors: Dick Brockway, Paul Paige, Drexel White (at end)

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Huntoon.

Minutes: Marge Brockway moved to approve the amended January 15, 2012 meeting minutes, seconded by Denis Wang - **Voted all in favor.**

Temporary Secretary: On a motion by Judy Metcalf, seconded by Marge Brockway, Bill Cressey was elected to the post of temporary secretary to take minutes for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Cressey thanked Steve Kazilionis for his careful review of the earlier draft of the 2011 Treasurer's report, and said that he had included corrected copy in the report as circulated at the meeting. Bill then reviewed the items charged against the Waterfront Restoration Fund, resulting in a fund balance of \$18K+ for the end of 2011.

Bill asked the overseers to approve the Utility Trustees' recommendation that we close the sewer bond in June, rather than March. Judy explained the timing issues and told the overseers that Peter Garcia, a lawyer with extensive bond experience, had replaced Mike Trainor as bond counsel due to Mike's retirement. Judy also said Peter had reviewed our prior bond work and was satisfied that things are in good order.

Steve asked about the undesignated reserve in General Government and proposed that we add to the punch list an annual discussion of prior year's surplus, if any, with an eye towards reducing total debt. Bill suggested that it would be best to have these discussions in April or May. Overseers suggested other options besides debt reduction. It was agreed to add the item to the punch list.

Judy mentioned an overpayment to Eaton Peabody, which she had returned. Bill said it was an error on his part.

Warrants were circulated, including a warrant for the Sewer Improvement Project.

Village Agent:

Bill Paige distributed a set of bid specifications for winter clean-up of parks and other properties, and another set for mowing. A payment schedule providing for six monthly payments starting in June has been added to the latter. It was clarified that the area to be mowed includes the area around the Yacht Club facility, and Bill assured the overseers that he would include that specification in the walk-through.

On motion by Steve K, seconded by Lee H, the specs for the winter clean-up were approved.

On motion by Judy M, seconded by Marge B, the specs for the mowing contract were approved.

Bill mentioned that he did not have figures for enlarging the parking area on Bay Street, but cautioned that water and sewer lines would have to be relocated and three trees probably lost. After discussion, the matter was referred back to the safety committee for further consideration, with the recommendation that the option of temporary “No Parking” signs on one side of Bay Street during the high season be considered. Maureen will also explain that option to the Selectmen.

Bill said that a pickup truck has been parked on North Avenue in the Dancy property, and that it impedes the snow plow. Judy agreed to write a letter asking the Dancys not to park there.

Mr. Stanley has responded to the Village’s letter gracefully agreeing that the specs were not followed on the ramp job and proposed that he add an additional layer of marine pressure treated lumber and reinstall the cleats and asphalt and will receive payment consistent with the original contract upon satisfactory completion of the accepted modification.

On motion by Judy M, seconded by Steve K, the overseers voted to accept Mr. Stanley’s proposal.

In the context of this discussion, it was agreed by the Overseers that Paul Bartels is to send any fully signed contract to approved contractor as soon as it is signed as a matter of course. The Overseers also reminded the Village Agent that as the ears and eyes of the village on the ground, he is to report promptly to the contractor and the Overseers any perceived deviations from the contract specifications at the moment that they are observed.

Bill also brought up the other ramp job, in Bayview Park. It had been suggested in January that we rebuild that ramp making it wide enough for a wheelchair. Bill pointed out that, in any case, there would not be a wheelchair-appropriate grade on that ramp. After discussion, it was agreed to specify simply that we want the ramp “a little bit wider.”

Bill said the furnace has been working well after Dick McElhaney adjusted the blower timing.

Visitors Concerns:

none

Communications:

Maureen read an answer from the Town on our inquiry about a fireworks ordinance. The Town’s willingness to include a fireworks provision in their Spring meeting is appreciated. [Later in the meeting, Drexell White confirmed that this is the case.] Draft materials, including the proposed ordinance, will be distributed to the town for its meeting of 2/27.

The issue of the geographic area to be covered was discussed. It was agreed that we ask that the ordinance apply to the NVC as defined in the Charter.

Facilities:

Nothing

Safety:

Per Garder, a traffic engineer will speak with the Safety Committee later this month about traffic “calming” options.

The committee has also continued the discussion of dog-related issues. Although we cannot enact a leash law (except on the dock, which is a structure), Denis had proposed that we put up some signs asking people if they would please keep their dogs on leashes in the Village. It was pointed out that whereas *asking* is appropriate in the case of leash use, when the matter of picking up excrement is addressed, we should not be asking for cooperation—we should be reminding people that they are required to do so by the ordinance requiring such action as adopted by the villagers already. Denis agreed to draft some possible signage covering both points appropriately.

Surface Runoff: Nothing

Town Liaison: Nothing further

Tree Warden: Not present

Utilities

Denis reported on the meeting held Friday February 9.

It was felt that signs warning against anchoring or mooring in the area where the new overflow pipe is need to be placed, and the harbor master needs to be notified of the current position of the pipe. We need to have a good description of the exact location of the pipe.

Once again, the superintendent reported that the waste water treatment plant was functioning in accordance with all its license requirements.

The outflow extension has been successfully completed and the seawall and causeway fully restored. The sealing of the tank in train three has been deferred to Spring to assure that the sealant adheres better.

Judy pointed out that both Dirigo and Sargent have carried out their respective roles admirably and have been very easy to work with. She also noted, and all the trustees present reaffirmed, that Dick McElhaney deserves high praise for his role in assuring that the work is done well.

There will be about \$100K funding remaining after the work is completed and, pursuant to our agreement with USDA, these funds can be used for other sewer improvements, such as fixing mains on Cobe Road and Bay Street, shutoff valves for the tanks, a larger access hatchway, a transducer and an improved V-Notch Weir intended for measurement of astronomical high tides at the location of the plant. (

Discussion:

Steve Kazilionis raised the issue of overcrowding of dinghies and kayaks on the beach, causing a lack of any dry beach area at high tide for use by bathers. After much discussion of various options, it was agreed that it would be a good idea to survey the residents, following the good example set by the safety committee regarding policing issues. Steve volunteered to draft something for the March meeting.

Steve also submitted a list of revisions for the punch list, which has now been left for Paul to work on upon his return.

Dick Brockway asked how the trash collection and recycling is working. Billy said that it is working well, with some exceptions, to wit: sometimes clients overfill the paper recycling bags, fail to close them properly, and/or leave them out in the rain. It was suggested to include some reminders in the annual message sent to owners in May. It

was also stipulated that if trash or recycling is put out in an unacceptable manner, it should not be collected.

Next meetings:

March 11

April 15

Lee Houghton moved at 10:48 to enter executive session.

At 10:49AM the overseers returned to regular meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Submitted by Bill Cressey