

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Robert A. Dean _____

Cheryl L. Dukes _____

Kevin P. Fox _____

Attendees: Bob Dean, Cheryl Dukes, Kevin Fox, Steve Daby, Ellen Eller, Dan Lawrence, Andrea Llamas, Mike McCusker, Harvey Schaktman (Shelburne Falls Cable)

Bob opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m..

Appointments

6:30 p.m., Dan Lawrence, Weston & Sampson Re: Clesson Brook Road Update – Bob welcomed Dan to the meeting. Dan said we have been working on the eleven sites of the riverbanks on Clesson Brook Road; they are done. Just finishing sites 62 and 63. Had our final walk-through with NRCS. Punch work list is complete. NRCS did not have anything. Seeding and planting to be done in the spring. A summary sheet is attached. There is a three-year maintenance requirement. Steve will get a copy. The guardrails are all in. We may have to re-stabilize them in the spring because there is so much water.

Mike McCusker entered the meeting at 6:53 p.m..

Dan said he gave Steve a draft proposal to discuss at a future date; has the critical roads (Dodge, LaBelle, Shepard, etc.). Bob asked if anything is FEMA eligible. Dan said not many of the small drainage systems were affected by the storm. Bob asked about hazard mitigation grant plan. Dan said we should apply. Steve will work on the mitigation project. Bob said some culverts definitely need to be increased in size. Dan will meet with Steve. Dan Lawrence left the meeting at 7:12 p.m..

7:00 p.m., Mike McCusker Re: Plowing, Sidewalk Issue – Mike said Bud Lively does the plowing in front of McCusker's, and he has a complaint about the difficulty of getting into the driveway. The pitch is so steep that his plow gets so high that the carriage scrapes. Steve suggested Bud carry a few planks to get him up there. Mike said Bud is not charmed about getting out of his truck to do it that way. Steve said there are not any other options. Spike down planks in a travel area and you would not be able to plow; people stepping out of their cars could get hurt. Bob said this is a temporary situation. The final coat will go on in the spring. Do not want to put black top as a ramp as our plows would keep hitting it. Next winter it should be just fine. Bob said a bigger taller truck would be able to clear it theoretically. We cannot do anything to the area at this point. Suggestions were given to Mike as to who might be able to do the job for him this winter. Mike McCusker left the meeting at 7:31 p.m..

Took a three-minute recess; back in session at 7:34 p.m..

3. Documents to Sign

a. **Selectmen Meeting Minutes: Executive Session Minutes, October 11, 2011** – Kevin moved to sign these Meeting Minutes; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

4. a. **Blackboard Connect Notification Procedures** – Andrea said a draft protocol makes it clear when it should be used. Kevin said define the parameters of non-emergency use. Cheryl said have a conversation with who would use the system: the Police Chief, Highway Superintendent, Emergency Management Director. Committees with important issues. Kevin said we have to be very careful about going overboard with this. Less is more. Bob said we are in the process of implementing a website; a lot of information could go on the website. Andrea will get input.
- b. **Public Monument/Memorial Policy** – Andrea said signage clause added to the top of the second page. This is having a permanent monument for an upfront procedure. Put on next agenda.
- c. **Local Technical Assistance** – Bob recused himself and left the room. Kevin said Andrea got input from departments and boards. The Planning Board would like some assistance regarding regional wind energy siting bylaws. Kevin said he would like to get some assistance for the Senior Center. Andrea said look at the Master Plan, section by section, for updating. Will keep on the burner. Andrea suggested procurement of Broadband.
- e. **Appointment to Regional Planning Board** - Andrea said we couldn't get anyone to volunteer. Bob moved we appoint Kevin Fox as the appointee to the Regional Planning Board for the unexpired term of Stefan Racz; Cheryl seconded. Bob – yes, Cheryl – yes. Kevin abstained.
- f. **Regional Health Initiative Grant** – Andrea said they did not get funded. They are applying for another program. Bob said it is a modified timeframe on a community initiative program. Grant applications are due on January 17, 2012. Kevin said we should support it. Kevin moved we support the FRCOG application to the Lieutenant Governor's initiative community challenge program; Cheryl seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor.
5. **Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting** – a. **Emergency Shelter Agreement** - Andrea said there is a MOU for use of an emergency shelter draft from Berkshire Planning for review. A Franklin Sheltering Summit is coming in February about a regional plan. b. **Time Off Request** – Bob moved we sign the Time Off Request submitted by our Town Administrator; Kevin seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. **Tropical Storm Conference** – Cheryl and Kevin will attend regional response conference on January 31, 2012, at Mohawk. **MMA Annual Business Meeting** – Cheryl will attend on January 21, 2012.
6. **Public Comment** – None.
7. **Volunteer Recognition** – Kevin recognized the Conservation Commission; commend them on the way they handle themselves.
8. **Announcements** – Town Clerk announcements regarding street listing, dog licenses, rabies clinic.
9. **Upcoming Buckland Public Meetings**

Board of Selectmen
Energy Committee

January 24, 2012, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall
January 11, 2012, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall

At 8:19 p.m., Bob moved to adjourn; Kevin seconded. **VOTED** unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m..