

Selectmen Agenda
Town of Newburgh
Date: 4/8/2013

Called to Order: 7:05pm

Roll Call: Claude Bolduc Scott Preston Stanley Smith

Warrant:

Minutes –

Mr. and Mrs. Prescott came to the meeting to discuss their acreage that they have argued against since it was changed from 80 to 83 acres. Their deed says 80 acres and they want to know why it got changed or how it got changed. There was much discussion in regards to how acreage use to be measured from rock wall to rock wall and that now they use GPS coordinates and that by doing this it can increase or decrease a person's total acres. They want it revisited as well as their concern that they also have possession of the old school house lot. Mr. and Mrs. Prescott were told that the office will revisit their concerns and involve Mr. Dickey.

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Road Commissioners – Brent discussed the town having 8 miles of dirt roads and that he would like to use Calbrin 1000 on the dirt roads. There were concerns that it would cost over \$30,000 using 1,000 gallons per use. The calcium cost @\$18,000. Scott was concerned that it would be over \$36,000 and that for that money you could actually pave roads. Claude thought it would be a good idea to see if there was any local town using this, then we could borrow their equipment to have it put on. Brent would like to try it once on North County Road. You would also have to use a dump truck to haul it.

Will be grading in a few weeks and Kurt is going to be grading in a few weeks. Scott discussed the dirt roads and that it would cost for that kind of money the \$36,000 could be put towards road maintenance and take that money and get a bond. Scott would like to get measurements and what needs to be done for maintenance other than soft spots and between calcium and grading consider other options and set-up a plan. \$90,000 a mile to pave and the Lindsey Road is a concern and there are areas that do not need to be reclaimed because it was done 4 years ago and isn't cracked – why reclaim it?

Dahlia Farm Road is another road that needs work done. How are you going to keep the roads for this year? Pittsfield in less than 10 days put through a bond and started their roads. They got the vote and they paved and ended up skipping the bond and went to Bangor Savings at a cheaper rate. They put it out to bid for the banks.

You hot top the roads which is good for 7 to 10 years....Scott said 15 to 20 years but will still need to fix a pot hole here and there. Skip wants to know once you have your road paved, how to you set-up a plan so all your roads don't need to be fixed again all at the same time? Scott is talking a bond to fix and pave not specifically just paving. On the Lindsey Road it is binder and with people twitching wood out it isn't going to stay. Scott said once you get the binder down every 5 years if your cycle works right and with what you have for money,

right now for 2 inches of binder it would be \$90,000 a mile but you could probably get an even better deal. If you go down to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch you are down to \$36,000 a mile. Do your bond for your binder, and you would be paying with your grading and calcium money for the next 5 years. If it is \$400,000

for your main roads, then pull \$25,000 from your road budget then 3/4 inch overlay. Start Lindsey Road, its 2 miles – binder lasts 5-6 years then surface is 15 to 20. You could put a plan together for next year and take it to the town's people.

Claude would like to see a Comprehensive Road Plan; he said there were also some errors in the Traffic Study that needs to be updated. He also wanted to know if the culvert survey has been done? The RSMS program is only a survey of the roads but you can add to it, ie: the bridges and pictures are going to be put in. Once you get information in to it, it takes 4-5 years to input so you can use it. Claude wants it updated to reflect after the grading and after mud season. Brent explained that the original data that was inputted after the grading was the original base numbers and that you can enter data several times throughout the year.

Scott and Brent are going to be getting together to go out to the dirt roads. There are spots that are mud holes that when time to pave would need some gravel first. Every time Pittsfield paves their roads they borrow the money. Winterport is down to 2.4 miles of dirt road because they put a plan in place and in 2 ½ years they paved their roads. Skip wants Scott and Brent to go out on the roads and put a plan in place; Claude is in full agreement to have them go out.

Brent also had a bid for roadside mowing. For two mowings it would be less than what was paid last year which was @\$1200. 16 miles of mowing \$985 for 2 mowings. Skip made a motion to have Frederick Drew with Aggressive Cuts to do roadside mowing this summer for 2 mowings, \$985, Claude second, Motion passed 3-0

John Fore was going to be hired last fall to do branches/grinding of trees too close to road and in road and winter interfered. Skip would like to have him come in to take off branches etc. so while Brent and Scott is out also look at the trees for grinding etc.

Claude also mentioned Kendal's plowing contract needs to be reviewed by July; if he is going to be kept or not. Claude explained that each year you have the ability to bow out of the contract. There were complaints on the big rocks that were in the roads after his plowing. Claude thinks there needs to be a list of complaints and then meet with Kendal and discuss the complaints.

2. Goals for 2013 – Claude's To Do List: Serena let Claude know that the office does have Carbonite so it does back-up. Serena has also made some calls regarding the Hood Suppression System and has spoke with the school and Emil said as long as it is not over 3-5 thousand they would share the cost. Also, May 6th Selectmen's Meeting is when Mr. Fox is coming from Darlings for the insurance. Claude thinks the building liabilities needs to be put in one package and wanted to know the cost. Mr. Fox said it would be @\$7,000 which would include the afterschool program.

Also the Community Garden has been brought up and having raised beds would be good.

Misc: possibilities of gravel on town's woodlands – Claude mentioned that the town had a forester and we have maps but the town has an ordinance regarding gravel pits. Serena would have to go before the Planning Board to discuss this.

Claude wants to make sure that the Fire Department improves their lines of communication. There should be a point person for the Fire Department – should be the Chief. Also, we need to weave them into the budget process. Glen has mentioned that if he knows a few days in advance, he will attend the Selectman's Meetings.

Copier-Claude said the fact that our copier has 220 copies and that he doesn't want to change it. The old machine is acting up and the new one we would be able to do our own town report etc. Claude also would like to buy a copier outright. Scott said he went through Spillers and he leased them for 3 years and then bought them. It was \$169 with full maintenance and buyout was \$500 and had maintenance

for next 2 years. Claude would

like to see what else we could do for another copier especially if the old one is turning into a lemon. We are now paying \$960 a year for the lease of the old copier. Claude would still like to use a printer to do big jobs but it is nice to have color for signs etc. and maybe we could get a deskjet for the color copies. Would like more information.

Monitors should be at least 23" Claude saw one for \$120 and thinks that we should get them for the office. It would be easier for the reports etc. and the Planning Board should make their own decisions regarding their monitor.

All office computers do have System 7.

Claude wants the old HAVA computer fixed. The state maintains this system and Cindy put the call in.

Filing cabinets have been brought in to Serena's back office and Scott mentioned buying more at maine.gov.

The accounting software is less than what Claude would like he believes we need something else by next year. Serena also commented about the Budget process and the way it went. Next year the process will be easier because now the reports will be scrutinized and will be an easier process.

Claude wants the Mapping program put on the Planning Board computer.

Water supply: Serena would like us to do our own water test. Hampden Water always does one. Serena would like to take a test to Newport – the board said to take a sample in to Newport. Claude also mentioned drilling a new well up the hill and get SAD to share the cost.

Skip also mentioned that we were going to have to talk about the building. Claude said that the board did not see a need to purchase the building because SAD was sharing the cost. Serena said that we should think about purchasing the building because in the meeting she had with Emil and Rick, they said that they would entertain us getting the building. Steve spoke up and said the meeting the board had with them they said Penquis Cap would have to stay but when Serena met with them they did not say that. Claude shared his concerns with the costs but also the Business Incubator would help pay for these costs. Renting out the rooms would also be a consideration.

The emergency generator maintenance – Ken did come out and fix the machine but when does it start? What day and time?

Govt land you cannot do mineral extraction but Claude thinks you could go back to the Fed Govt and speak to them to see if they could get it changed.

Serena mentioned that there were many grants that could not be put in for because we rent the building.

Claude would like to see a picnic area out on Rt. 9. Steve mentioned there were picnic areas on the Kennard Road. A piece of land there has a good view from Mr. Ward's land there is a bog area there that is an acre or two. Skip thinks a good area for a picnic area would be here at the school.

Public Comment:

Selectmen's Closing Statements:

Adjourn: 9:00pm Skip motion to Adjourn Claude second-Motion passed 3-0