

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
March 26, 2013 –5:00 PM
Town Hall
MINUTES

- 1.0** First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Selectmen Linda Finelli and John Bendoraitis, and Administrative Assistant Patti Handy were also present. Audience: 9
- 2.0** Public Works Foreman Tom Conley was present to discuss outsourcing options for seasonal mowing of town roadsides. Conley had worked with Okonuk to develop an outline comparing the cost of mowing by Public Works versus hiring a subcontractor. As not all aspects of cost for in-house mowing are hard numbers, it is difficult to make comparisons. It appears that it would not be financially beneficial to outsource the mowing. No action.
- 3.0** As part of the telephone/internet upgrades for town buildings it was necessary to purchase new telephones for Town Hall that will accommodate all of the features of the new cable service as many of the current units are 20 years old.
Motion made by Okonuk, seconded by Finelli to approve the bill for \$3,066.25 from Colchester Communications LLC for the purchase and installation of new telephones for Town Hall. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 4.0** **Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to reappoint Marisa Haralson, Sue Leone and Bob Wentworth to the Summer Dance Fest Committee for three (3) year terms to end 1/8/2016. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

As the Town's attorney was not yet present for the Executive Session the Selectmen went proceeded to Item 6.0 on the Agenda: Review Conversion Process with Town Sanitarian.

- 6.0** Town Sanitarian Reed Gustafson presented an update on the progress of the seasonal conversions for lake-side property owners. There have been six applications for conversion filed so far, five for Amston Lake and one for Red Cedar Lake. All applications are still pending inspections and the receipt of necessary documents, but so far the system appears to be working well considering that the process is new to all staff. Town Planner Phil Chester joined the meeting at this point and said that he is currently drafting a letter that will be mailed to all lake residents informing them of the process. Chester will be working with Gustafson to be sure that all required information is in the letter. The letter will be mailed to seasonal residents via P.O. Box addresses where necessary.

The Selectmen took a break at 5:28 pm to await the arrival of the Town Attorney.

- 5.0** **Executive Session**
Selectmen went into Executive Session at 5:33 PM, inviting Town Planner Phil Chester and Attorney Ed O'Connell to join them, to discuss the following items:
5.1 Discuss Pending Litigation
5.2 Negotiations for Lease of Town Owned Property.
Selectmen returned to Regular Session at 6:57 PM. No action taken.

- 7.0** Moved by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. Vote: Yes, unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,



Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman