

Public Hearing: Building Permit on road the Town does not maintain.

Public Hearing: *Will the Board vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to accept \$400 from LCHIP for monitoring the Calef property?*

Public Hearing: An individual is willing to donate a 2006 Dodge Charger with less than 20,000 miles upon it to the Police Department. I understand another police department is willing to donate some of the interior fit-up because it does not fit the newer Chargers. The Police Chief wants to use it as an unmarked traffic enforcement vehicle. It will require some repairs. *Will the Board vote to authorize the town to accept the donation of a 2006 Dodge Charger?*

Advisory Budget Committee: Dan Ayer requested they attend the meeting. The ABC has been working on suggestions for next year's budget process but I do not know if they are ready to make their recommendations, especially without the chairman present.

Award of Deed Research: The tax collector used a list of vendors provided by the Tax Collector's Association and sent out four requests for proposals via email to: Sanders Searches - Jane Sander; Robert Goulet; Total Notice – Jack Wheeler; and Connie Mitchell. In our opinion the newspaper would not expand the field given these are the ones who are active in doing this specialized work and are aware of specialized insurance that is needed. Newspaper readership is dropping way off and that is seldom the way to get a good response in most areas of purchasing any longer. Jane Sander and Total Notice have done fine work for the town in the past and both would be acceptable from a quality standpoint. *Will the Board make the award to the low bid, Total Notice?*

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus: Two companies bid Scott air packs and were close to one another and below the bid of the other apparatus manufacturer. There is a yet unopened letter to each Selectman from Fire Tech, which may mirror the letter to the Fire Chief asking to withdraw from consideration. The Fire Chief has a recommendation that the Town goes with Industrial Protection Services, the remaining low bid. *What does the Board wish to do?*

Boards and Commissions: Dan Ayer's term as alternate on the Conservation Commission is ending this month. *Does the Board wish to appoint Susan as an alternate (who would vote in case of absence of another and help make a quorum) or leave her appointment as a liaison (who does not vote)? Does the Board formally renew Dawn as an alternate on the ZBA (who can vote in some cases) or is her appointment as a liaison?*

Old Town Hall site: The estimated cost for the Old Town Hall site to stabilize and seed by hiring out all the work and buying the loam is \$13,640. The estimated cost for the Town to use in-house labor and trucking, use loam stockpiled behind the Highway Garage' only hiring a dozer, raking and the hydroseeding would be \$4,420. The estimated value of the Town trucks at FEMA rate would be \$1,600 three trucks, two days and the estimated town labor (which would come out of the Highway Department budget) is \$1,408. I recommend that the dozer, raking and hydroseeding be authorized from the demolition line and the Executive contingency. *What does the Board wish to do?*

Conservation Commission: Conservation Commission has recommended that John Wallace be reappointed as a full member of the Conservation Commission and that Alison Desmarais be reappointed with her status changing from an alternate to a full member. Ken Grossman would like to change from being a full member to an alternate. ***Does the Board wish to make these three appointments?***

Library Board of Trustees: Ron St. Jean sent a request from the Library Trustees to reappoint Traci Bisson and Victoria Sellers as alternates to the Library Trustees with 1 year terms. He also sent resumes of the two. ***What does the Board wish to do?***

Noise ordinance: Town Meeting passed an ordinance in 2001 that restricts noise at the property line to 75 decibels during the daytime hours of 6 AM to 9 PM. As you can see from the chart below that would severely impact everyone close to the property line including close to the road (which is a property line). A person close to the property line would not be able to use a power mower on their lawn, a snow blower in the driveway near the road, or use a chain saw to cut a tree at any time. It would seem very unreasonable on the surface. The Selectmen adopted an ordinance in response to the warrant article detailing the process for waiver. It provides for the Town Administrator to issue waivers for special circumstances, but it is costly and time consuming and must be on a case-by-case basis. I am working with the Police Chief to suggest an amendment to the ordinance to allow a more general waiver based on common sense. ***Does the Board support developing a broader waiver for ordinary life?***

Forest: We have a preliminary plan for about \$22,000 for timber on the lot that is landlocked off Misty Lane. The plan involves cutting about half the marketable timber, leaving the rest for a future cut. ***What does the Board wish to do?***

Information

Health Insurance: We received a call from the Health Trust that our final rates are below the projection and even below 2015. We should save money unless these savings are offset by census changes.

Resignation: Tony Gaudiello has resigned from the ABC.

Promotion: Steve Misek has been promoted to Sergeant.

School Board: The School Board has appointed Garth Svenson as the liaison to the Board of Selectmen.

Congratulations: Planning Board alternate Josh Bouchard and his wife, owners of Spring Harvest Maple Farm won a first prize ribbon for their maple syrup in 2015 at the Vermont Maplerama festival in Vermont.

One-time top of scale payment: The “over graded” DPW worker is at \$23.82. The new scale for top of grade for the correct grade is \$23.05. The \$500 bonus for top of scale is worth about 24 cents per hour, so even with the bonus those on the correct scale remain below that other DPW worker.

Signing Right's based Ordinance: Our attorney indicates that there is no provision for the Board to sign the rights based ordinance. The Town Clerk has signed certifying that it was approved at town meeting and the date of that meeting (with the severability section removed).

Decibel (Loudness) Comparison Chart

Here is a chart I found on decibels.

dBA	Example	Home & Yard Appliances	Workshop & Construction
0	healthy hearing threshold		
10	a pin dropping		
20	rustling leaves		
30	whisper		
40	babbling brook	computer	
50	light traffic	refrigerator	
60	conversational speech	air conditioner	
70	shower	dishwasher	
75	toilet flushing	vacuum cleaner	
80	alarm clock	garbage disposal	
85	passing diesel truck	snow blower	
90	squeeze toy	lawn mower	arc welder
95	inside subway car	food processor	belt sander
100	motorcycle (riding)		handheld drill
105	sporting event		table saw
110	rock band		jackhammer
115	emergency vehicle siren		riveter
120	thunderclap		oxygen torch
125	balloon popping		
130	peak stadium crowd noise		
135	air raid siren		
140	jet engine at takeoff		
145	firecracker		
150	fighter jet launch		
155	cap gun		
160	shotgun		

165	.357 magnum revolver		
170	safety airbag		
175	howitzer cannon		
180	rocket launch		
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194	sound waves become shock waves		