

Dick Georgantas of Liberty Truck.

Conservation Commission: Habitat Reconstruction on Tamposi land. The Con Com agreed that one of the three options for where/how to construct the road was definitely the best. What the Con com needs from the selectmen is a blessing to go ahead and start the road work and clearing, and a go-ahead to use \$20,000 from the conservation fund to start the funding of the road constructions and \$6000 to pay the forester's expenses, with the full expectation that these will be remunerated from NRCS grant and income from the logging. The CC voted to approve these expenses last week. ***Does the Board of Selectmen agree to the expenditure of Con Com funds?***

Property tax deed list. She will be making recommendations on properties to not tax deed and the reason, e.g. federal lien, small balance, unique circumstances, payment plan; property is actively for sale, etc. I would also recommend that the list of those we are going to tax deed include the caveat that we will look at the properties to see if there is a reason why codes and/or fire department recommends we do not take them, in which case that property(s) would come back to the Board.

Review of Priorities for 2014. Below is a listing of some of the items that will come up for discussion during the budget process.

- Retaining current service level and maintenance plan for buildings
- Level bottom line budget for 2015
- New Town Hall
 - Bonding
 - Just architectural in 2015
 - Capital Reserve for future construction
 - Separate article demolition of Former Town Hall
- Road paving
 - Increase to proposed Dubois and King level
 - Remain at 2014 levels with or without special warrant article
 - Reduce paving to provide funds for other projects.

- Staffing
 - COLA &/or steps for employees
 - Increasing to full time Highway AA
 - Adding full time Fire Fighter/EMT
 - Increasing Library staff hours and grades
 - Increasing hours on some part time positions but still below 30
- Reclaim and pave Public Safety Building Parking (\$126,000)
- Capital Reserve Fire Truck, fire equipment
- Capital Reserve Highway Heavy Equipment
- Other Capital Reserve Projects
- Highway Garage floor and heating system
- Bridges and Culverts
 - Maintaining amount set aside for bridges/culverts (there is an 80% match (4 state dollars every \$1 local money) on these, but we are still looking at a substantial amount.
 - Increasing amount set aside for bridges/culverts

Discussion Request tax abatement Person who paid taxes twice on the same piece of land for several years (2011-2013) (separate bill plus the land was accounted for in their bill). They are requesting their money back. There was no filing for an abatement. A secondary question if the Board does grant this, does the Board grant interest as well. ***What does the Board wish to do?***

Court Case: A property on Long Shore Drive owned by Alice Mercier has been the subject of ongoing action to force the owner to clean it up for several years (going back to when Ted started the process). We obtained an agreement in court from the owner to clean it up and she paid us some of our legal fees. This was a binding court order. As part of that court order she agreed to a deadline to clean it up or there would be a \$2,000 fine that had been suspended imposed and a new deadline to clean up. As of today she has not done so and there may even be more stuff. If she does not meet this deadline, she can go to jail for contempt of court. The Building Inspector wants to know if the Board wants to proceed to this step if she does not pay the fine and meet the new deadline. This appears to be

the only way we will get compliance. ***Does the Board support going to court for getting the person jailed for contempt if they don't clean up the property?***

New Fire Radio Tower: Estimated cost is \$40,000 plus site and concrete work, but there may be a grant to offset the cost. It should also improve our radio system as it will be 120 foot tower, about 70 feet higher than we have now. We could take it from the Capital Reserve if the Board authorizes that use and requests the money from the Trustees. ***Does the Board wish to proceed?***

Halloween: Halloween falls Friday October 31. Dick indicates trick or treat us normally the night before and recommends setting it for 5-7 pm on Thursday October 30. ***Does the Board agree?***

Thank you: Town of Farmington has sent a thank you to Town and to Lt. Joy and Chief Walker for showing them through the Public Safety Building. Farmington is looking at building a combined Fire-Police facility. (My son is chairman of the Farmington Board of Selectmen.)

Playground audit: A number of changes and improvements need to be made in the playground. Wear and tear and age were cited as contributing to the problem.

Discussion in nonpublic about several hardship cases involving taxes.