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Selectmen's Meeting
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Selectmen: Jim Fadden, Gil Rand
Staff: Sandy Dovholuk, Judy Welch, Bill Mellett
Public: Steve Degiso, Dan Garipay, Patrick Griffin

Gil called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Public Participation/Dan Garipay:

Dan would like to see the town come up with an ordinance that would mandate chickens and hens to be caged or penned.

After speaking with the chief of police, Gil thinks the best approach may be to amend or modify the dog ordinance to include all livestock/fowl. Gil stated this will have to go to Town Meeting as a Warrant Article.

Public Participation/Patrick Griffin:

Patrick wanted to clarify that he is not opposed to the town plowing elderly driveways, the ambulance building, or Dr. Felgate's driveway like he previously stated in the October 5, 2010 meeting. He continues to be opposed to the town plowing churches, federal buildings, and Bill Mellett's driveway.

At the last meeting Patrick complained that the snow was not being plowed to the full width around the cul-de-sac. He was told that the town crew usually goes back and wings back the snow banks. Patrick pointed out this has yet to be done.

Patrick stated that it is not necessary to put a rotary sign on Lady Slipper Road as he requested in the October 5, 2010 meeting. He stated that "rules of the road are rules of the road" and he doesn't care. However, if there is an accident there because of it, the town will be liable and he will take whatever actions necessary.

Public Participation/Robert McAfee:

Robert McAfee questioned whether the Town was plowing the Lin-Wood Ambulance and Dr. Felgate's driveways even though the law states you can't do that. Jim stated that they have been deemed emergency ways and therefore they qualify.

As a budget committee member Robert feels that the town employees should be given a 5% pay increase and that funds within the budget need to be shifted in order to give the employee raises.

Public Participation/Steve Degiso:

Steve thanked the Board of Selectmen for installing the guardrails on Lady Slipper Road. He also wanted to thank the town crew for the great job they are doing maintaining the road.

Steve stated that he is opposed to the rotary sign requested in the October 5, 2010 meeting. Steve said in order to access his driveway he needs to come in at a reverse direction.

Minutes of the December 28, 2010 Meeting:

Jim motioned to accept the minutes of December 28, 2010 Meeting. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Sign Abatement Requests from Tax Collector/Goodbout & Gagnon C.:

The Board reviewed and signed both water abatements per the request of the Tax Collector.

Sign Veteran Exemption/Degiso:

The Board reviewed and signed the Veteran Exemption for Steve Degiso.

Other Business:

Signed Checks.

In 2013 the Town of Woodstock will be 250 years old. A volunteer committee has been formed to start planning a celebration.

Gil stated the North Country Council has a \$20,000 grant the Town might be able to tap in to for the assessment of the water system.

Petitioned Warrant Articles need to be in by February 1, 2011.

Gil motioned to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Jim seconded and the vote was affirmative.