



Town of Bernardston
Board of Selectmen

EMERGENCY MEETING

MEETING MINUTES: December 20, 2011

Select Board Members Present:

Robert R. Raymond, Chairman
Stanley D. Garland - not present.
Virginia M. Budness

Others Present:

Jane Dutcher, Finance Committee
Linda Raymond, Finance Committee
David Lorenz, Finance Committee
Sandy Giard, Board of Health
Dave Powers, Board of Health
Deborah Delabruere, Board of Health
Jennifer Dery, Board of Health Clerk
D. William Pratt, Cushman Hall Committee
Bill Shores, Cushman Hall Committee
Gloria Fryenhagen, Cushman Hall Committee
Gary Wetherby, Highway Supt.
Robert Deane, Contractor

The Chairman opened the meeting at 10.30am.

Cushman Park

Bob Raymond, Chair of the Board of Selectmen announced this meeting is being called due to the threat of a clear and imminent dangerous condition of Cushman Park. The 200' culvert leading from the bridge toward the drainage area is completely clogged and requires immediate attention. The park is subject to flooding and pooling of water which is a public safety hazard particularly to young children. When flooded, the park is rendered useless for recreation purposes. It is proposed to take action by replacing the existing 50-year old culvert with a new 220' culvert pipe 4' in diameter.

An Emergency Certification has been issued by the Conservation Commission and approved by DEP. Work must be completed by no later than January 19, 2012. The environmental consultant on the project is Alec McLeod. A conference call conversation ensued with Alec regarding the scope for Emergency Certification and he confirmed it included the replacement of the culvert and removal of silt and debris from the outfall area leading to Scott Swamp. Alec agreed to be retained as the consultant on the project at a cost of \$75 per hour.

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Motion by Bob to hire Alec McLeod as the Environmental Consultant in accordance with the Emergency Certification, second Virginia. Motion carried.

Bob Deane, the contractor selected to perform the work due to his knowledge with the park, his availability to do the work and his experience with these types of projects, estimated the work to be in the \$50k range. A quote for \$5,623 was forwarded to the Chairman detailing the additional work required by the Emergency Certification to dam water and divert the same around the impacted area. This had not been considered in prior quotes. An application is into FEMA for \$45,000 to offset the expense at a 75% reimbursement rate. The additional quote will be sent to FEMA to be added. Alec McLeod will meet with Bob Deane to review the work on site Wednesday morning December 21 at 9am. Motion by Bob to hire Robert Deane Excavating as the contractor for the project, second by Virginia. Motion carried. Bob Deane stated he could begin work first thing on Wednesday morning and expects the project to be completed by December 30th given favorable weather conditions.

The Cushman Hall Committee Trust has approx. \$64,000 in its account that could cover the cost of the project. Reimbursement to the account could be made via a Special Town Meeting transfer at a later date. All 3 members of the Cushman Hall Committee concurred with the urgent nature of the situation and agreed to front the cost. Additional discussion took place by Finance Committee members regarding how to fund the project so that the contractor and consultant would be paid in a timely manner.

Adjourn With no further business to be discussed, Bob made a motion to declare the meeting adjourned at 11.26am. Virginia seconded. Motion carried.

Attest: Hugh Campbell, Administrative Assistant

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Robert R. Raymond		Stanley D. Garland	Virginia M. Budness