

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 in the Village office. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, Joe Wever, and Paul Kobyluch. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Eric Rogers, Water Plant Operator Steve Brown, Village Historian Al Cormier, Fire Chief Bob Graham, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was called to order, and vouchers from the General Fund Nos. 532 through 565 in the amount of \$17328.77, from the Library Fund Nos. 202 to 213 in the amount of \$2809.05, and from the Water Fund Nos. 161 through 170 in the amount of \$1683.31 were audited and ordered paid--motion by Joe Childs, second by Paul Kobyluch. The vote was three to zero in favor, with one abstention, and the motion was carried.

Joe Wever made a motion, Carol Rives seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 4 regular meeting and the November 20 special meeting as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: DPW Aronson's replaced the starter in the 1988 International. Wood's Plow Service serviced the plow on the F450. The structure holding the sander motor on the F450 has cracked and is starting to pull away. A replacement sander would be \$5500; it would cost \$1600 to repair the old and add a support brace. Would like the Board's opinion on how to proceed. After discussion, the Board opted to repair the old sander. Johnson's Tree Service brought the tree trimming and removal list up to date. Willie Linendoll installed 13 lights in the shop area of the water barn and moved some of the replaced fixtures outside. We helped the Chamber of Commerce with Christmas trees on Main Street. WATER Service hook-ups total 280. Repaired some curb stops, and continued sorting and updating water department records.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: There were four calls in November: one car fire in the Village, two motor vehicle accidents in Rupert, and one standby for Cambridge FD. The Salem Central bus garage installed a new muffler on ETA 44-3. Two members attended the chiefs and officers meeting in Whitehall. All four trucks have been pump tested by Tyler Fire Equipment. Chief Graham attended the Cambridge FD's annual banquet. Training in November included firefighter safety and survival, a ventilation drill, and how to use foam. There were 1892 training hours in November. Would like permission to use the fire trucks for the annual santa detail on December 20, which permission was granted. The Mayor reiterated the need for a primary responder/mutual aid agreement with Sandgate, VT.

LIBRARY REPORT: Circulation in November was 1996. Attendance at Library programs remains steady.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: Repair of the north wall of the Revolutionary War Cemetery should be complete by mid-month. The Slate Valley book mentioned in the past is ready to go to the printers--as soon as the necessary money is raised. Christine Preble and Carol Myrick were nominated and need to be appointed to three-year terms on the Historic Preservation Commission. Joe Wever made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, to approve these two appointments. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC REMARKS

Julie Brown shared some concerns about the appearance of the Village relative to overall ambiance and marketability, and also wondered if some new trash receptacles could be purchased for outside Proudfit and the Park.

Mr. Hickland indicated he wants to see or take copies of the bond documents for the water system and a recitation of receipts and payments for the same. He indicated he had spoken with Vern Ingraham of Clough Harbour regarding the extent of Clough Harbour's involvement in decision-making about things like water charges, and was told no recommendations were made by Clough Harbour, as per their policy. Mr. Hickland also distributed a copy of a letter dated February 10, 2003 from the Board to property owners which indicated that only those hooked up to the system would be billed the O & M charge.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.
Rebecca Brown, Clerk