

A joint meeting of the boards of the Town and Village of Salem was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, in the community room of Proudfit Hall. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, Tom Clark, and Paul Kobyluch, Supervisor Seth Pitts, Town Clerk Pat Gilchrist, and Council members Dottie Schneider, Joe Wever, Bruce Ferguson, and Butch Gilchrist. Also present was Town and Village Historian Al Cormier and members of the public.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing shared interests, both current and potential.

Currently the Village DPW and Town Highway Dept. help each other out with equipment or man power when needed and possible. Efforts could be made informally for the Village to more regularly schedule/coordinate with Town personnel on street and sidewalk maintenance and projects.

The Town has allowed the Village DPW to obtain its fuel at the Town barn, reimbursing the Town periodically. Provision was made in the Town's contractual fuel allotment to also allow the same for the fire department, which has requested access.

The Town has appointed Jessica Barrett as the new dog warden (dogs only, not animal control) for the Town and Village.

Both Town Court and Village Court use space in Proudfit Hall.

Other subjects for consideration might be health insurance and payroll.

Potential for White Creek flooding was discussed. Joe Childs outlined work he has already done with his Flood Investigation Report of 2006. A committee composed of Joe Childs, Tom Clark, Seth Pitts, and Bruce Ferguson was formed to investigate and consider future action.

It was asked that budget numbers for the Fire Department be shared with the Town when available.

The current status of the summer swim program at Hebron Camp was discussed. While the Presbytery would like to accommodate the program again this summer, there are issues: repairs to the pool would be required before DOH approval, additional personnel would be required to supervise children when not in the pool, cost per student would need to increase. Discussion was had concerning possibly coordinating with the Village of Cambridge for use of Lake Lauderdale. In addition the Salem Area Youth Association has been formed and may take over the administration of the swim program. There will be a meeting on February 23 at 7 PM regarding possible joint efforts for the area's youth.

Adjourned

Rebecca Brown