

**Town of Damariscotta  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
Wednesday, June 17, 2009**

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Call to order-**

The Board of Selectmen met at the Municipal Facility on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, to conduct town affairs. Chairman Richard McLean called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Members present were, Josh Pinkham, Vicki Pinkham, and Dave Wilbur. Staff present was Town Manager, Greg Zinser, Town Clerk, Cheryl Pinkham. Others present were Joe Gelarden, of LCN, Residents-Ann Pinkham, Karen O'Bryan, James Campbell, Francis Hutchings, Joanne, Winton, and Dean Jacobs, Chris Roberts, & Boy Scout John Braley. Also

**III. Public Hearing-None**

**IV. Communications/Bid opening-None**

**V. Town Manager Discussion**

**1. Grant Updates**

Zinser informed the Board the Town has been awarded a \$288,000 grant for sidewalks on Rte. 1B, however he is in the midst of getting more information on this such as local matching funds etc. The Town has 2 years to use the funds; as Zinser understands it.

McLean is leery on this because in past years the state has disallowed the construction of sidewalks without road reconstruction. McLean would like a lot more information in regards to this. He doesn't feel the 'permission' is spelled out clearly.

Zinser stated the Church St grant should not be awarded tonight, can't get a commitment of funding in writing. Zinser has verbal commitment over the phone and has been assured the money is there, but not comfortable with only verbal. Doesn't feel it would be in the best interest to award tonight.

**2. Heater Rd. Options to date**

Zinser told the Board he received a memo from Wright-Pierce and on pg. 4, under options the cost for road repair, or to fix the road ranges from \$10,000 - \$88,000, and the scope of work ranges from just bringing in gravel and grading it each year, to full road repair with pavement. Zinser is still looking into another access point for the sand & salt shed.

Wilbur understood the Board agreed to fix what was there instead of building a new road.

Zinser felt he was to investigate further all options-put a new roadway in, fix current road, development of a road association and everyone pays dues for the upkeep. Right now there is still no clear owner of the Heater Rd., CMP, Tidewater, the town

attorney, and Wright Pierce have all investigated and none can identify an actual owner.

J. Pinkham wants Zinser to concentrate on these options.

Hutchings asked if the Board/Town could look at Heater Rd and do something about a large puddle forming approximately 150' off the Biscay Rd., if it could be 'emptied' that would help with the road.

Wilbur would like to see bore testing done. He believes that would be very beneficial.

Zinser reiterated the Boards hesitance to expend the funds for this, before looking into the alternative options listed above.

**VI. Official Action**

**1. Elect Chairman, Vice Chairman, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman**

Tabled due to Stelzer resignation, waiting until a full Board is represented

**2. Set meeting time for regular board meetings-**

**On motion of J. Pinkham/V. Pinkham moved to set the meeting time to 6:30p.m. beginning with the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in July, and then revisit this issue in November or so. Vote-4, 0, 0.**

**3. Possible Bid Award-Chruch St. Improvements-Tabled til July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**4. Act on resignation of Stelzer-**

**On motion of McLean/Wilbur moved to accept resignation of Stelzer, with regret, effective June 15<sup>th</sup>. Vote-4, 0, 0.**

**VII. Selectmen's Discussion Items-None**

**VIII. Old Business-None**

**II. Concord Trailways bus stop-**

Dana from Trailways believes the new stopping area is working out well, if at all possible grading down, or sloping the curb just a little would help with the wear and tear on the bus.

J. Pinkham believed the Zinser could look into, or have the road commissioner look into another piece of granite to slope it down some.

D. Jacobs questioned if the Board still wanted to require signage for the bus stop.

The Board didn't recall requesting the sign and suggested they not bother.

All involved appear to be happy with the bus stop.

**IX. Consent Calendar**

Regular meeting minutes of June 3, 2009.

**On motion of J. Pinkham/V. Pinkham moved to approve 06/03/09 BOS minutes. Vote 4, 0, 0.**

**Financial Reports:**

**1. General Fund Warrant #65**

**On motion of J. Pinkham/V. Pinkham moved to approve GFW# 65 a Vote 4, 0, 0.**

**2. Payroll Warrant #64**

**On motion of J. Pinkham/V. Pinkham moved to approve PW's #64**

**Vote 4, 0, 0.**

**X. Other Business**

V. Pinkham asked when the new officer would be starting.

J. Pinkham, surprisingly, still not happy with the lights at the intersections.

McLean questioned the sidewalk work in front of Renys, being dug up.

**XI. Executive Session-**

**1. Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(F) to consider Poverty Abatement-**

**The Board went into executive session at 6:44p.m. and exited executive session at 6:56p.m.**

**On motion of V. Pinkham/J. Pinkham moved to adjourn BOS meeting at 6:57p.m.**

**Vote 4, 0, 0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Cheryl M. Pinkham**