

**MINUTES**  
**Overseers Meeting**  
**January 12, 2014**

**Present:**

President Josiah Huntoon  
Treasurer Bill Cressey  
Office Manager Paul Bartels  
Tree Warden Jane Phillips  
Acting Village Agent: Billy Paige

Overseers: Marge Brockway  
Steve Flowers  
Lee Houghton  
Judy Metcalf  
Denis Wang  
Maureen O'Keefe

**Visitors:** Dick Brockway, Paul Paige, Judy Rohweder, Cindy Bravo, Beverly Crofoot.

**Absent:** Overseer Steve Kazilionis

**Meeting called to order** at 9:00 a.m. by President Huntoon.

**Minutes:**

Marge Brockway moved to approve the revised minutes from the October and November meetings, seconded by Denis Wang \_ **Voted and approved.**

**Warrants** were circulated for approval.

**Treasurers Report:**

Bill Cressey:

1. Reviewed the year end 2013 financial statements and pointed out some explainable deviations from the budgeted item.
2. He is going to move reserve funds from the CDAR accounts to cash sweep accounts to give us easier access to the funds.
3. Discussion on tax liens and foreclosures as well as payment plans.
4. Cindy Bravo questioned the overage in the miscellaneous category. Bill explained that these expenses were unpredictable and when they occur they are put into miscellaneous.
5. Marge Brockway asked Bill to look into Oil and Electric expenses for 2013.

**Village Agent:**

Bill E. Paige reported:

1. Spent a lot of time in November cleaning out ditches and catch basins for leaves which caused run off problems. Discussion about Town's responsibility of cleaning every other year.

2. Angela Cassidy's concern raised last summer about water runoff was reviewed again in light of her inquiry of this week. Bill confirmed that his observations were that the ditches and culverts are clear; that the structures sit below the grade of the road, and, therefore, are subject to natural runoff; and that the works in the garden impede passage of the plow.
3. Culvert work was done on Clinton Street. More gravel is needed on West Street.
4. Billy raised rocks installed at upper end of Maple Street. Asked Overseers to determine whether rocks interfere with rights of public access.
5. There is a collapsed drainage ditch because a propane truck ran over a culvert while making a delivery on Maple Street in area of the Inn.
6. A lot of cleanup work needs to be done to clean up after the ice storm.

The Overseers expressed appreciation for the overtime and diligence that Billy had devoted to the Village during the devastation of the ice storm in the preceding weeks. Billy is keeping track of expenses to work with the town in connection with a disaster relief reimbursement request that the town is considering submitting.

### **Residents Concerns:**

**Judy Rohweder** asked for assistance with two matters. First, the town plows George Street. In that process, snow piles on the side of George Street. Her propane and oil tanks are behind her house, accessed for filling by the delivery drivers from George Street. Unless she or her caretakers clear a path through the snow from the edge of the public way to the tanks, the delivery drivers will not deliver heating product. Judy was reminded that the town is responsible for plowing the road and that issues as to the manner it does that should be brought to the town. When asked if she had called the town road commissioner or spoken to the selectmen, she advised that she had not. Maureen O'Keefe offered to mention Judy's concern at the next Town meeting (which she advised was the next day) and encouraged Judy to attend. It was noted that homeowners are responsible for keeping their own property clear of snow so that the service providers they rely on can have access.

Judy's second concern was that she had difficulty retrieving wood which she stores at her other house which wood she wanted to use for heating her Clinton Street house. She noted that because Bayview Park is not plowed, access by vehicle was not possible. She was advised that the village only plows roads on which there are year round residents and/or school children. Bayview Park does not satisfy those conditions. Judy advised that she had concerns about the insurability of her property because it is located in a Park that is not plowed. The Village Agent and the plow driver explained the practical difficulties in plowing this area, particularly where it does not satisfy the preconditions for plowing. It was noted that this December had posed a lot of challenges for residents and plow drivers alike in addressing the inordinate amount of snow and ice.

Judy and her daughter, Cindy Bravo, asked that their concerns regarding these issues be affirmatively reported in the notes of the meeting.

**Beverly Crofoot** asked that Overseers send a letter of appreciation to the New York State Electric and Gas Company for the work they did during the ice storm. The Overseers enthusiastically agreed. Maureen will draft a letter and send it to them. Beverly wondered if a spring clean up day can be assigned where the Village will bring in a chipper for the innumerable branches downed by the ice storm in the parks and if homeowners can bring their own storm debris for chipping on that day (or days). Billy Paige will investigate the feasibility of that idea.

### **Tree Warden:**

Jane Phillips explained the latest Northeast Tree invoice and what is the Village responsibility and which is the Town. A new invoice will be created by Northeast.

### **Communications:**

Nothing to report

### **Safety:**

Steve Flowers reported that the Safety Committee had completed its search for a new lifeguard and investigated his references, experience and credentials. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the Village hire Justin Mastif as its summer lifeguard at an hourly rate of \$10.50. The offer is conditioned on Justin being certified for lifeguarding in open water and the village will pay for the examination and certification. Steve also reported that Kevan Fortier will return as police officer but at fewer hours.

### **Utilities:**

Denis Wang reported that once again, even with nearly 4 inches of rain falling on one day, in November, the sewer system functioned in November and December in accordance with the terms and conditions of its license and without violation.

Sargent Corp. (the general contractor on the new overboard discharge pipe) is asking to be paid from retainage \$1,200 now in exchange for the promise that the warranty item of fixing the water supply to the wharf will be resolved before May. That issue remains to be resolved.

The freezing cold weather has kept Distribution Operator, Billy, and Fernie busy addressing pump station failures. They have kept on top of this issues and kept the stations working. Long term solutions are being looked at. A new high water light was installed on the Shore Road pump station which will give more visibility to problems when they occur.

The annual mercury tests on the outflow from the treatment plant showed a high mercury level. As this number is utterly inconsistent with any of the testing results from

the previous 15 years, Dick McElhaney thinks it was a lab error and will retest. (Billy advised that the new sample had already been sent up).

Next meeting will be February 9, 2014

**Voted to adjourn** at 10:05AM.

Submitted by Paul E. Bartels