

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2009**

Note: This meeting was originally planned on short notice between Town Administrator Kinney, Conservation Commission member Will Brown and representatives of CMP to discuss the tree trimming project currently underway. Due to the public interest in project three Selectmen also expressed an interest in attending and an availability to attend. Once it was recognized that a quorum of municipal officials were to be in attendance notice of the meeting was posted and the local media was contacted/invited to attend.

Selectmen Present were: Rosendel Gerry, Chairman, Richard M. McLaughlin and H. Bob Plausse (joined session in progress). Excused: Cathy Hardy and E. Earle Brown

Others attending: Will Brown, David Kinney, Wes Davis (CMP) and Kris Spiegel (CMP)

Spiegel stated that CMP/ABC had left Lincolnville due to the posting of the roads. The crews have completed about one half of the trimming work on Islesboro. They intend to stay on island until the trimming work is completed. He estimated that this would be into the month of June. Davis added that addition resources (more crews) may be added and that these crews might work in Lincolnville. Davis stated that Spiegel will keep town apprised of any change in schedule. Their plan is to do clean up here upon return.

Brown stated that the Board of Selectmen has requested that areas cut during the winter be cleaned up before moving on to new areas. Davis stated that he was aware of this request and that clean up should be done first.

Brown inquired about the status of the audits (re-work orders for ABC). Spiegel stated that all audits paperwork is completed. Gerry asked if the audits will be reviewed with Brown. Spiegel stated that stumps exposed after snow melt are not necessarily listed on audits. Brown requested that he review the audits in the field with Spiegel prior to re-work. Davis replied "guess so".

Plausse inquired as to who cleans up wood left behind particularly at those locations where property owner is physically unable to clean it up. Davis stated that CMP will arrange for pickup. Messages requesting such can be directed to Spiegel at his Rockland and/or Belfast office.

Gerry asked if and how a customer could verify that they are on the call/notification list prior to cutting and how long it takes for requests to reach the field. Davis stated that it takes 2 to 3 weeks for someone to get on the list and the list to make it to the field. He will send a telephone number to Will that people can call to verify that they are on the list and for wood pickup. Davis went on to state that without snow cover the crews should be doing a cleaner job as they are coming through.

Gerry noted the abundance of laddering back or leaving stubs so that it looks like a ladder up the side of the tree. He stated that this was not a good practice.

Regarding Bianchi on Route 1 Brown and Spiegel to go back. Spiegel has talked to Bianchi about a replacement tree. Davis stated that Bianchi should be taken care of in the next couple of weeks as this is a good time to plant most trees. CMP to also look at “toothpick” tree that remains at Bianchi.

Adjourn:

Motion by Plausse, second by McLaughlin to adjourn. **Vote 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Kinney
Town Clerk