

1 this Fall; Sept 18 to Sept 29th. Motion by Roger to authorize Lucy to sign the Fairfield Contract
2 for \$5,900 for two weeks of mower equipment rental. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor,
3 0 against, motion passed.

- 4 7) **Worksession on Town Policies** – Topics to be discussed include policies and practices for
5 land development review, personnel policies, staff training goals, and fire department bylaws.
6 Dave offered that a zoning checklist could help applicants understand the process better.
7 Susan suggested providing applicants with a short list of the necessary approvals that are
8 required for new construction that would help landowners and real estate agents share
9 information with buyers and sellers. A local zoning pamphlet could be developed with the
10 planning commission and local real estate agents input; possibly following the state’s template
11 “Do You Need a State Permit?”. Susan and Lucy will meet with the planning commission and
12 other community members and bring back suggestions to the Selectboard. Dave wanted to
13 only have policy on the next worksession agenda and not like tonight’s agenda. Susan
14 suggested focusing on town road policies, specifically roadside mowing and clearing 25-foot
15 from the center of town roads. Susan noted that some areas are more sensitive to clearing
16 than others, and inviting landowners to a meeting is a way to soften the blow when roadside
17 ditches are needed to be installed to prevent erosion. A community meeting would provide
18 information on the 50-foot right-of-way and the need for new ditching as required under the
19 upcoming Municipal Roads General Permit. Susan suggested that developing a board policy
20 with town-wide examples of how and why improved drainage systems are going to be
21 constructed could be provided to landowners following the Board’s September worksession.
22 The fire department bylaws were recently amended, and approved by the fire department
23 officers, and the Selectboard is reviewing the new draft, which also needs Selectboard
24 approval. The Selectboard asked Ron to send the new fire department bylaws to the town
25 attorney for review and advice on how departmental policies work in the context of the town’s
26 overall Personnel Policy.
- 27 8) **Town Garage Work**: Susan will connect with Brian Shackett to coordinate the 20 days of work
28 on building repairs through the Department of Corrections.
- 29 9) **Next Policy Meeting**: Fourth Tuesday, Sept. 26th at 5:30 p.m. The Board will work on town
30 highway policies related to the upcoming MRGP state requirements.
- 31 10) **Adjourn** – Motion by Susan to adjourn. Seconded by Roger. So voted at 7:25 p.m.