

ITEM 8: To Designate a Member of the Board of Selectmen to Serve on the Committee to Review the Assessing Services Proposals

Richard Davis handed out and reviewed a tabulation of the four (4) bids received today. Mr. Davis stated that he anticipates the review Committee to convene sometime within the next few weeks and then bring their recommendation to the Selectmen. Joshua Bell volunteered to be on the review Committee. Mr. Davis stated that he intends to approach Dennis O'Neil as a citizen to be on the Committee. He further stated that he will have Linda Grant photocopy the four proposals tomorrow for the Selectmen to review.

ITEM 9: To Consider Naming the new Park at 411 High Street

Richard Davis gave numerous approaches to naming the park, ie. the Selectmen could name it, it could be named after an individual or organization, or it could be opened up to the public. The Selectmen discussed those options and others. Resident Nancy Porter explained research that she distributed regarding the history of the lot and, in conjunction with that history, her suggestion to name the park "Norton Flat School House Park". Mrs. Porter also suggested that a sign acknowledging the benefactor be displayed in the park, as well as a sign similar to the downtown walking tour signs in an effort to continue sharing the Town's history. It was the consensus of the Selectmen to open the naming of the park up to the general public. Mr. Davis stated that the only request that Richard Bjorn has made thus far is for small plaques to be placed on the back of each of the four benches, which he is currently pricing. Mr. Davis suggested that a large plaque naming the benefactor and other pertinent information be purchased out of the Special Projects account and placed on the flat north side of the rock that has been located in the center of park. A dedication ceremony was discussed and the date to decide the name of the park was set for the Selectmen's September 9th meeting, with notification of the Selectmen's desire for public input to be sent to the media and posted on the Town's website.

ITEM 10: To Hear an Update on the Hiring Process for the Public Works Shop Manager/Chief Mechanic

Richard Davis reported that three (3) applications have been received and interviews are scheduled for Thursday, August 21st. He also reported that he is aiming for an earlier start date in October for training purposes since Greg Soule's last date of employment is October 30th. Mr. Davis stated he should have more information at the September 9th Selectmen's meeting.

ITEM 15: To Discuss Other Business

A) Richard Davis pointed out that he will not be at the September 23rd Selectmen's meeting but asked the Selectmen to still meet as the insurance RFP needs to be awarded before the October 1st renewal date.

