

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 11, 2017

## MEMORIAL BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

*The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting.*

Selectmen present: Tamara Butcher; Dick Hendl; Leigh Callaway, Chairman was absent.

Others: Bryan O'Day, Margaret Drye – State Representative Candidate, Chief Timothy Julian, Peter Angus and Cynthia Bruss

Tamara called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

### Scheduled appointments:

Margaret Drye, candidate for State Representative attended meeting to introduce herself to the town. Margaret is from Plainfield NH. She and her husband have 9 children who were all homeschooled. She is a member of the Cornish Rescue Squad, an EMT for both towns for 37 years. Her husband is also an EMT. Margaret has served on several town committees, currently holding two town offices and is also a cemetery trustee. Six years ago she was the chairman of Plainfield's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee. "If you want to govern you have to serve first". Margaret has been serving almost four decades in her community. If elected Margaret will take the philosophy that was established on the finance committee, which was to evaluate every proposal or line item. There are four questions to ask. What's driving the proposal? Does it fit in with long range planning? Is the case being made for the proposal? How do we find out down the road if it was a success or failure? Margaret encourages everyone to go out and vote at the Primary election.

Minutes of August 16<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>: Dick stated a correction to the wording on page 4 of the minutes for August 28<sup>th</sup>. Correction is as follows, Dick stated there should be some numbers available from the ~~weed-watcher program~~ lake host count, though that does not cover all days of the week. Dick moved to approve the minutes of both meetings, seconded by Tamara and unanimously passed.

### Old Business:

Projects: Beach Sand/Boat Ramp: Dick shared that the proposal received by Pierre Bedard and Associates was more than anticipated. Dick spoke with Pete and Tim at the highway department about what it would take to reconstruct the boat ramp. There are two possibilities. One, to pour a concrete slab. Or two, to use modular concrete units which ~~Pete Abair~~ Tim Hayes used when he worked on the boat ramp in Sutton. Dick would like to propose a motion to defer the whole project until town meeting and perhaps put this item in as a warrant article because this will be a substantial expense. Dick shared that the proposal for the permits only is between \$3300 and \$3500. Then there is the cost of the actual reconstruction of the boat ramp. Tamara would like to know the cost for Sutton to use the modular concrete units. Dick is going to follow up to find out which would be a better cost. Dick moved to defer acceptance of the proposal to rebuild the

boat ramp and to restore the sand until budget negotiations and perhaps it will become a Town Warrant. Seconded by Tamara and unanimously passed. Dick asked if there were any questions or comments. Chief Julian asked which boat ramp was being discussed, and it is the one by the beach. Chief Julian believed that to be owned by the state. But Dick stated that it does in fact belong to the town.

Skateboard Park: Dick shared that at the last meeting the Board approved to spend up to \$2,500 for the renovation and painting of the park. Frank Sparrow came out to inspect the park. There are no structural problems but there is a lot of rot on the sides and the rear of some of the structures. Frank submitted a proposal which comes in two phases. First, to repair the plywood and structure with material which comes to \$1,975. Secondly, to scrape, prime and paint the wooden surfaces which comes to \$1,800. The total being \$3,775. Dick would like propose that we get back to Frank and break this down in to two distinct phases, the repairs then painting, and just fund the repairs for now. Tamara added that if Frank is using pressure treated wood it can sit over the winter without damage. Dick added that we might be able to get it painted some other way. Dick stated that if we don't accept some part of Frank's proposal the Town will receive a bill for the estimate. Which we will get no return on our investment for. Chief Julian added that since we can't pay for something that happens in the future we can't contract with Frank to do that yet. Dick would like to get back to Frank and say we will accept the repairs and we will give you a down payment of half. Cynthia Bruss asked if Frank Sparrow is the only person that the Town can approach for the work. Dick stated that Frank is the one who built the structure and is known to be the expert on these structures in this area, having built around 90 of these. Dick feels it would be a good long term practice to keep a relationship with Frank if we possibly can. Dick asked Chief Julian if he had an idea of how often people are on the park. Chief Julian said that between the basketball court and the skateboard park there is someone there every other day. It is well used. And there is no longer the bad element that was there when the park first opened up. Dick moves that he will get back to Frank Sparrow to accept phase one and provide a down payment of \$1,000. And defer phase two until next spring. Seconded by Tamara and unanimously passed.

Follow up on Tunis letter: Dick stated that this is the response we received from Sean Tanguay. Tamara read the response aloud. After reading, Tamara stated that according to this response there is nothing that can be done in regards to this matter. No questions or concerns were discussed on this matter.

#### New Business:

George Hill Complaint: Tamara said there is very little we can do at this point. She drove past the property yesterday and the trailer has still not arrived on the property yet. In our zoning ordinance a trailer is still a trailer if it is registered for the road. If the registration runs out than that is a different matter. Our zoning ordinance has nothing in it that says that after a certain amount of days, weeks or years that it becomes a structure, so that is something the planning board is going to have to look at. Tamara did casually speak to Kevin over the weekend, he is aware of this as well and hoping it is something they will have time to look at before the end of the year so they can put it to vote in March. Tamara suggests to Peter Angus that he go to the Planning Board meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> if you want to request they look at when a trailer that is no longer registered becomes a structure. Cynthia asked if a trailer needs to be inspected like a

vehicle. Bryan said that trailers do not need an annual inspection. Peter Angus stated that he is on the planning board agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup>. Peter was confused about information read in a Supreme Court case that states a trailer is taxable as a building if it is more or less permanent. By looking at that court case it seems like it would be a structure. Tamara again stated that in our town ordinance it is not considered a structure. Chief Julian shared his personal opinion that a trailer is a trailer until the tires are flat.

Anonymous Letter: Dick shared that we received yet another anonymous letter. At the last meeting the board agreed that whether or not the board agrees with the content of a letter they are not going to act on anything that is not signed. Tamara added that if someone has a complaint they have to put their name to the letter. This letter was mailed from New Jersey. Dick stated that it was an extensive letter, showing that the writer put a lot of time researching the issue or they had a lot of prior knowledge to the matter.

Selectman's Schedule for September 19<sup>th</sup>: Tamara asked if Leigh will be gone at that time. Dick stated yes he will be. Tamara asked the start time of the election, which is 8am and ends at 7pm. Jill shared a note from Janet that stated two selectmen members need to be present at all times. Maybe appoint one person for coverage. Dick suggests possibly asking Maryanne Petrin to cover. Dick will check with Maryanne Petrin and if she can't provide coverage he will ask Joyce Gunther to cover the hours of 11 to 1pm.

Board and Department Updates: Selectboard reported on respective departments.

The cemetery committee met and discussed changing the fees for the lots. We have increased each lot cost by \$100 which is something Frank had brought up in 2007 and it took the board until now to approve it. A family lot will cost \$500, which fits eight burials. On Thursday night the fire department went on a dinner cruise, all had a great time. The fire department meeting will be Tuesday night, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Dick asked if the Wifi was all set, to which Tamara said it hadn't been tested yet. The library is discussing new hours. The conservation commissions is concerned about the status of the Knowlton lot. Janet had asked Shawn to look in to it, but as of today there has been no response. The telephone pedestal has been straightened over at the highway department. Dick is still having trouble finding a handyman to do some work around town, but has two leads.

Correspondence:

Tamara read through the application received by Mr. and Mrs. Martin for an after the fact zoning permit which included a check for \$25.00. The estimated value written by Mr. Martin is \$3,000. Since it is an after the fact permit it should be 10% of what Mr. Martin felt the value of the building was, so the check should have been for \$300, not \$25. Jill spoke with Whit earlier about what the next step should be. Whit felt it would be best to table the matter for now to determine the next step. Whether it be an email from Whit letting him know the correct amount should have been \$300 or an official letter from the Town including an invoice for the unpaid balance. Tamara and Dick agree that Whit should contact Mr. Martin first with an email and if there is no response within a week an official letter will follow.

Tamara read through a letter received from the Public Service Company of NH – Eversource stating that they officially withdraw their pending 2013 appeals. They will continue to pursue its appeals for the 2014 and 2015 tax years. There were no comments or questions regarding this letter.

Signatures:  
None

Miscellaneous:

Chief Julian would like to know which computers in the police department are covered under the service contract with Certified Computer Solutions. Tamara believes all computers are covered. Tim stated that the company that handle the report writings software has not gotten back to them. He shared that Certified Computer Solutions also knows how to work with the police departments program. Tamara asked if we switch support over to Certified Computer Solutions would we still need to use the other company. Chief Julian said no, that is just where we purchased the computers. Jill was asked to call CCS to determine which of the police department computers are covered, and if some aren't can they be added. There are five computers in question, which includes the EOC computer.

Zoning Permit Updates:

In regards to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, their application as of now is incomplete.

Whit Smith, zoning coordinator is absent from meeting. Tamara read through Whit's report.

REPORT from ZONING COORDINATOR. -- Board of Selectmen Monday, Sept 11, 2017.

Here is a summary of permit applications and Zoning Coordinator activity.

Application for Permit – Acted Upon, Approved:

1. Scott Gambino, 2070 Bog Road; Application to locate and place storage container on lot. There are no set back issues, no wetlands issue, and structure is less than 35' high. Application reviewed and forwarded to BOS members. APPROVED by Zoning Coordinator pursuant to delegation of authority.

2. Lindsay Walkinshaw, 92 Lamson Lane; Application to locate and place two storage containers next to each other. Zoning Coordinator has been to the property and discussed plan with Ms. Walkinshaw; the location of both storage units is clearly marked. There are no set back issues, no wetlands issue, and structure(s) will be more than 150' from the shore of Kroleemook Lake. One of the containers is a "pod" that will be used to store personal possessions while they build the house with attached garage (Special Exception granted by ZBA) on the lot (separate zoning application waiting on septic design). The pod will be removed when construction is complete. From conversation with the applicant, they intend that the other storage container 20' x 8' x 8' will be permanent.

Application reviewed and forwarded to BOS members. APPROVED by Zoning Coordinator pursuant to delegation of authority.

Application for Permit PENDING:

3. David and Janet Hausmann, 323 Messer Hill Rd. Mr. & Mrs. Hausmann have filed an Application for Zoning Permit prior to commencing construction of house with attached garage. We are holding application pending septic design approval from state authority.

Application for Permit REQUIRED:

4. Mr./Mrs. Jay & Dorothy Martin, 566 Hogg Hill Rd; 12' x 20' shed constructed without zoning permit. As reported previously, Zoning Coordinator followed up with emails to Mr. Martin; Mr. Martin replied stating the shed has been moved. Zoning Coordinator has viewed the site (from Hogg Hill Rd.) to confirm shed has been moved; also followed up with Mr. Martin (email) reminding him that he must still file an Application for Zoning Permit (after the fact). Mr. Martin agreed early in the year the value of the shed is \$3000. We have not yet received a Zoning Permit Application from Mr./Mrs. Martin.

Other Matters.

A. Research wetlands (ArcGIS mapping tool) for property in Eastman that is predominantly designated wetlands (continuation on Rosen inquiry reported at last BOS meeting).

B. Respond to inquiry from Sam Vidal regarding placement of a utility pole to service his property (2035 George Hill Road). Referred to Road Agent.

C. Additional research and inquiries regarding when is a trailer a vehicle and when does it become a structure. Review of Pelham and McMullen cases.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jill Hastings  
Deputy Administrative Assistant