

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

December 29, 2021

MEMORIAL BUILDING

4:30 P.M.

The following are to be considered draft minutes until approved by the Board.

Selectboard present: Dick Hendl and Amy Lewis.

Others present: Zoning Coordinator, Whit Smith, and Road Agent Peter Abair

Chairman Hendl called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Discussion with Peter regarding the Highway budget focusing on the Paving line. Peter requested \$110K to be used for grinding and paving the hill portion of Hogg Hill Rd. If possible, requesting to have the top portion of Sanborn Hill ground when the machine is in town could possibly cut some of the expense. Looking forward to 2023 the aim is to do an overlay coat on the remaining portion of Hogg Hill. Prep for that would include removing noticeable rocks and replacing the remaining culverts.

Minutes of December 13, 2021: Dick moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Amy, and unanimously approved.

Zoning Permits:

REPORT from ZONING COORDINATOR. -- Board of Selectmen - Monday, December 27, 2021.

Here it is – Zoning Coordinator's twenty-fourth (24th) and last report for calendar year 2021.

Merry Christmas! The summary of permit applications and Zoning Coordinator activity follows.

Application for Permit – Acted Upon, APPROVED

1. Lynne Bridges, 59 Sanborn Hill Road, application for zoning permit to build a carport. Zoning Coordinator has visited site and location is marked. There are no wetlands or setback issues, and structure will be less than 35' tall. Permit Approved per delegation of authority.

Other Matters.

A. Attend Planning Board meeting – Piedmont consultation/review to allow second dwelling unit on parcel. Planning Board confirmed the lot was sufficient to support two (2) dwelling units. (Piedmont)

B. Planning Board spent second half of its meeting reviewing/editing proposed noise ordinance.

C. Research and follow-up regarding grant funding for town infrastructure (Sand Shed) and FEMA grant funding for emergency preparedness and safety (fire engine).

Whit reported that he received a phone call from US Dept of Agriculture in Vermont over the weekend. In short, they reported that the Town of Springfield does not qualify for a grant due to the median household income is too high. The 2010 census reported Springfield to have \$75K while the statewide average was \$67K. While this was disappointing, he is planning to continue to reach out to the Senate offices he has been in touch with as they seemed to much more positive that the town could qualify.

Sand Shed Site: No further update at this time.

Court Status: There has been no court activity.

Unfinished Business:

Letter drafted to property owners the Board has been made aware of who could possibly be operating guest lodging facilities. The letter requests the owner(s) meet with the Select Board at either of the next two meetings to discuss requirements the town has for operating such a business.

Electric updates to various town buildings will begin after the new year.

Chairman Hendl will be contacting Attorney Tanguay regarding a personnel matter.

Culvert Replacement on George Hill Road: Waiting on the State to finalize any permit needed.

New Business: The 2016 police cruiser is currently out of service due to either a blown transmission or a faulty transfer case. Sarges Garage is currently investigating the issue and will let the Board know what is needed as soon as he can. Replacing the transmission could cost \$5K which will hopefully get us another 18-24 months out of the vehicle, replacing the transfer case would be about \$2500. The 2014 cruiser is showing extreme signs of rust and needs to be replaced.

Board and Department Updates: None at this time.

Budget Review: After further review it was found the amount to be encumbered for the Highway truck should have been \$95K not \$75K. Dick moved to update amount to \$95K Amy seconded unanimously passed.

Signatures: Intent to cut timber – Meadowsend Timberlands LTD, solar exemption request from Kevin and Kristen Lee

Miscellaneous Business: None at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tamara Butcher
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