

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DECEMBER 18, 2017

MEMORIAL BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

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

Selectmen present: Chairman, Leigh Callaway; Tamara Butcher, Dick Hendl. Don Hill, Whit Smith, Jim Yager and Tim Julian.

The meeting was open at 4:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leigh reviewed the Town of Springfield's 250th Celebration Trust Agreement, regarding the creation of a Charitable Trust by Don Hill (Grantor) to provide a financial document that will allow the committee to pursue and collect donations for the 250th Celebration, as well as provide the ability for the committee to expend funds which will be under the care of the Town of Springfield's Trustees of the Trust Fund. Don presented an initial deposit in the amount of \$100.00 to establish the Trust. The Selectboard and Don signed the Trust Document. Leigh, as treasurer of the 250th Celebration Committee, will take the Trust Agreement Document and the deposit to Trustee of Trust Funds, Angela MacCreighton.

Don reported Mason closed up the Town Hall the day after their last meeting. Mason is all set to open the building in preparation for the 250th Celebration Committee on January 7th. Nancy Vandewart, (89) a former Springfield resident, who adapted the song "This Land is Your Land" to "This Town is My Town" that the Kindergarten performed several times, will be in attendance.

Leigh, on behalf of the Town and BOS, extended "many thanks" to Don for Chairing the 250th Celebration Committee and kicking off the Charitable Trust, and to Angela MacCreighton for handling this account.

REPORT from ZONING COORDINATOR. -- Board of Selectmen - Monday, December 18, 2017.

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

Application for Permit – Acted Upon, Approved:

1. Jean Twombly, 203 Colby Hill Road; application to install a hard-wired back-up generator on a concrete pad behind house. No wetlands issue; no set back issue. Zoning Coordinator has viewed the site location. APPROVED by Zoning Coordinator pursuant to delegation of authority

Application for Permit PENDING:

2. Mr. Jeffrey Rosen, 109 East 73rd Street, New York, NY 10021; Application to build a single-family residence with attached garage at 18 Glenwood Rd. (Eastman). See prior reports.

Other Matters.

A. Review property (including pics) along shoreline of Baptist Pond in response to inquiry regarding use of the parcel. Prep letter for Select Board to send to broker making inquiry.

B. Review/edit “soft letter” to be sent to property owner on Woodcrest Drive. Provide suggestions for additional language in letter.

C. Zoning Board of Adjustment – no meeting

C. Prep for Planning Board meeting on December 21. Revised language for Zoning Ordinance (Definitions) pertaining to unregistered trailers located on property. Prep for discussion regarding whether a “hard-wired” generator should require a Zoning Permit. Prep for appearance of Mr. Rosen regarding property on Glenwood Rd.

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Whit reported he has no further updates.

Leigh stated he has changed his mind about requiring permits for generators from last meeting’s discussion because of setbacks. He thinks it makes sense so generators do not get installed less than 35’ from a property line. Tamara agreed. Dick noted he is conflicted. He understands the argument about the setback, but would like clarification as to the 10’ x 10’ pad or 100’ sf pad or foundation requirement and how to apply that to generators. Whit reported, prior to the amendments approved in 2017, pretty much everything required a permit the way it was written. The amendment “carved out” a number of things that are not intended to be structures as shown in Appendix A2. If an item is not in the A2 list, it would require a permit. These types of issues are going to continue to be encountered as progress is being made. Leigh stated he would like to discuss this with the Planning Board.

Minutes of December 4, 2017: Motion by Dick to approve as written, seconded by Tamara and unanimously approved.

Report of December 11, 2017 Budget meeting: Tamara reported there was minimal discussion about the proposed projects. The Board did question if the Selectboard considered funding all the smaller projects out of the Unreserved Fund Balance and financing the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. The numbers would essentially work out the same.

Leigh reported, Pete thinks he can find a used – refurbished chipper instead of purchasing new.

Leigh stated he thinks all 2017 projects that have been started (beach engineering, sand-shed site engineering and permitting) have all been encumbered for 2018, and there are no other needs to encumber.

Copier Replacement: Board reviewed options given. Option 1 is a machine with pretty much the same features and ability as the existing copier/printer/scanner/fax with a lease price of 128.00 per month which is \$30.00 less than the existing one. Board discussed. Office personnel will decided on best timing for delivery. Motion by Leigh to approve Option 1, seconded by Dick and unanimously approved. There is an escape clause in the contract.

New Business:

The Board received an e-mail from a representative from Standard Power inquiring if the Town was interested in change the supplier for electricity. Standard Power works with Danbury, Grantham and New London. Leigh would like to find out more about it, and asked that Janet contact others on the reference list. Tamara noted the water precinct was approached a couple of years ago. They chose not to change as one of the commissioners had changed suppliers, but not to Standard Power, for his business, and then the fees started going above PSNH rates, and there were fees involved to get out of the contract. The Board would like further information and to be sure there is an ability to opt out without penalties, before making any decisions.

Dick reported he has purchased new flag pole brackets for the flags flown on the poles. The majority of them can be paid for using the remaining funds in the Frank Anderson Fund, and the remaining out of the town budget. He has spoken to Treasurer, Maryanne Petrin about using the fund. Motion by Tamara to approve the withdrawal of funds to cover the flag brackets, seconded by Dick and unanimously approved.

Board and Department Updates:

Highway: Leigh reported the green truck broke down during the recent storm. Ed Abair came in for 5 hours and did the repairs while the road crew finished plowing roads.

Leigh stated, Pete has discussed clearing brush and trees from the remainder of the lot where the permitting is taking place. Clearing and burning brush can be done this winter. Pete felt it would be faster with an excavator, and has offered to rent his excavator to the town for \$80.00 per hour. He suggested that Tamara and Dick visit with Pete to discuss this. Tamara noted some concerns about renting the equipment. Dick questioned if the work could be done without the permit. Leigh stated landscaping and grubbing can be done.

Conservation Commission: Bruce Allen will submit the 2018 budget requests for the Conservation Commission.

Library: Advertisements for a Library Director have been posted on the website. The position will remain open until the position is filled.

Fire Department: Tamara shared pictures of the new tanker build in progress. The Department will be finalizing their proposed 2018 budget tomorrow night.

Cemetery: Dick asked Tamara the status of Wreath's Across America and wondered if this is something that could be done for veteran's graves for the 250th Celebration.

Signatures:

Loan papers at Lake Sunapee Bank for fire tanker truck.

Intent to Cut – Garfield

Letter to Tunis, LLC

Tax Collector Abatement

Amended Personnel Policy (version December 18, 2017) signed.

Leigh submitted a draft for a letter to the Department of Environmental Services in support of the wetlands permit for the sand shed site. The Board discussed whether the report showing the difficulties associated with other locations should be included. Leigh will ask Jeff Evans.

Correspondence:

Contract from George Sansoucy Associates for representation for valuation, engineering consulting, and expert witness services regarding the 2014-2016 appeal by Eversource.

Miscellaneous Business:

Jim Yager asked about the item on the agenda regarding a sliver parcel on Stoney Brook Road for sale. The Board stated a real estate broker has the property listed for sale and has inquired as to restrictions given the small size of the lot. Leigh noted at one point the taxes were in arrears. The property has recently changed ownership apparently as part of a business resolution. The town is not involved in the sale. Whit Smith has drafted a letter of response to the Realtor. The letter has been reviewed by the Board and will be printed and available for Leigh to sign tomorrow.

There being no further business, Leigh, stated “on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I commended every employee, volunteer, stipend recipient, elected official, and committee member. Personally it is a pleasure working with everyone, and is what makes this town work. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.”

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts

Administrative Assistant