

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

CONTINUED MEETING

4:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 15, 2018

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

Others present: Whit Smith, Peter Abair, Road Agent; Cody Patten, and Steve Johnston.

Carter Brook Road: Leigh reported Tony Cote, had stopped at the office on Wednesday, February 14 to voice his concern about Carter Brook Road due to logging operations taking place on property in Grafton, only accessible from Carter Brook Road. Following the complaint, Leigh, Pete Abair, and Sgt Beaulieu made a site visit. Steve Johnston, of Johnston Land Clearing is the logger in charge of the operation. Leigh got in touch with Mr. Johnston and asked him to cease operations for the day, and suggested a \$20,000 bond be placed before continuing. Legal counsel was consulted and made recommendations as to the process and statutory provisions to follow. Pete Abair and Chief Julian visited the site this morning and took pictures. Pete says he does not feel there is much damage to the road. The road has been icy which has required the use of chains on the trucks, and they have had to pull them up and down the hill with skidders. The road is crowned such that the skidders are wider causing them to travel more on the shoulder of the road. Pete did not see a reason to shut the logging operation down. He will be posting all roads by March 1. Mr. Johnston submitted a bond in the amount of \$20K. He would like to get back to the site to finish up as much as he can. He also plans to come back later this year as there is another landowner with land in both Grafton and Springfield that he will be logging for as well. The Board reviewed the situation and agreed there is nothing to be gained from shutting the operation down. Mr. Johnston is aware that he needs to return the road to a condition equal to what the road was before disturbance. The Board would like him to do this through Peter Abair, with input from Mike Howard and Tony Cote.. Leigh moved to allow Johnston Land Clearing authority to use Carter Brook Road, with the contingency that the bond is to remain in effect until all logging is complete in accordance with current state RSA's. Motion seconded by Tamara and unanimously approved.

Tunis LLC: Whit stated he has heard from Mr. Lenhart. There will be a site visit on Tuesday, February 20th at 4:15 p.m. He will prepare a report for the Board of Selectmen and will have photos of the areas in question, namely the carport setback and setback to the lake. He noted that he subsequently found an e-mail in his inbox from Christine Austin that he was not aware of which he shared with the board.

Dick reported the boiler for the upstairs at the Town Hall has cracked which is also the boiler that heats the domestic hot water. Mason is in the process of adding an electric hot water heater for hot water needs, and will getting estimates for the boiler replacement. The boiler for downstairs is working fine.

Tim Julian has let the Board know he had an incident with the cruiser when it slid backwards on an icy driveway into a tree. He also had a slip and fall incident when he was assisting in sanding the driveway to remove the cruiser. Both incidents have been reported to the town's insurance.

The fire alarm panel at the fire/highway garage is not functioning. The alarms have been rewired to work until the panel can be replaced. Cost estimate for a replacement panel is \$2400.00 plus labor.

The Board reviewed reports of the revenues received in 2017 and spent time estimated revenue for 2018 to complete the budget preparations.

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant