

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APRIL 9, 2018

MEMORIAL BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

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

The meeting was held in the downstairs meeting room. Pledge of Allegiance was not recited due to the absence of a flag.

Selectmen present: Tamara Butcher, Chairman; Dick Hendl, and George McCusker.

Others present: Leigh Callaway, Whit Smith, and Hannah Smith (not related).

Leigh reviewed the 250th Charitable Trust bylaws, requiring donations be accepted by the Board of Selectmen, which had not previously been done. He reviewed income and expenditures. There have been 6 donations of checks or cash totaling \$4,702.06.

Sugar River Savings has donated \$600.00 for the cash prizes being awarded in the rubber duck race to be held April 28, 2018.

Leigh would like to wait to approve the car donation when the full value of ticket sales is known.

The town operating budget appropriated \$3500.00 to the event. Leigh will be discussing with the 250th Committee regarding what expenditures to apply that to.

Motion made by Dick to accept the donations of \$4,702.06 to the 250th Celebration Charitable Trust as outlined above by Leigh, with the exception of the vehicle donation and the town budget appropriation. Motion was seconded by George and unanimously approved.

Dick moved to accept the donation from Sugar River Bank of \$600.00 to be used as cash prizes for the rubber duck race. Motion seconded by George and unanimously approved.

Janet reported several people sent donations, totaling \$190.00, in recognition of Cynthia Anderson's years of service to the town. It has been suggested that perhaps some kind of planting could be done in her honor, with the possibility that the Garden Club would take care of the actual planning and planting. George moved to accept the \$190.00 donation, and the Board of Selectmen will make the fund available to the Garden Club when the time comes. Motion seconded by Dick and unanimously approved.

Hannah Smith, Energy Supply Consultant from Standard Power met with the Board. Standard Power is an energy purchasing company or solar point company that works with 7 established energy supplier in the State to provide cheaper energy costs to clients. They work with many municipalities and school districts, including the Towns of Grantham and New London. Energy needs are reviewed to put clients in the most appropriate contract. Prices vary depending on the length of a contract. The Board agreed to send Hannah copies of most recent Eversource bills

for the town buildings to get more feedback specific to the town's needs. They thanked Hannah for her presentation.

Minutes of March 26, 2019. George moved to approve as written, seconded by Dick and unanimously approved.

REPORT from ZONING COORDINATOR. -- Board of Selectmen Monday, April 9, 2018.

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

Application for Permit – Acted Upon, Approved:

None.

Application for Permit PENDING:

None.

Other Matters.

- A. Meeting with representatives for Durgin & Crowell regarding rebuild of Planar Mill on exact same footprint and using the same design specification. No Zoning Permit required as there is no expansion of the facility. Prep letter to Durgin & Crowell regarding no requirement for Permit, but need State Fire Code compliance. Enclosed correspondence from Springfield Fire Chief.
- B. Inquiry from property owner regarding construction of a primary residence on George Hill Rd.
- C. Inquiry from property owner regarding subdivision of parcel on Four Corners Rd.

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Whit discussed with the Board, what, if any, steps to take to address compliance with the recent changes in the zoning ordinance relative to generators being considered structures. Whit explained that the Planning Board has been working to fine-tune the language in the ordinance over the last two years to clarify what is and is not a structure. The Selectboard needs to decide how they wish to enforce those issues. Dick questioned if they were going to be asked to consider looking back at previously installed generators? Whit stated that until these definitions began being clarified, most everything was a structure. The words and the interpretation of the original Zoning Ordinance was problematic. It is up to the Selectboard to decide if they want to go back, or just move on from this point forward. Whit stated, he does not believe the same logic should be applied to trailers. 40' semi-trailers, storage containers, and trailers that are a structure could be an issue with setbacks. This was brought up to the Planning Board by concerned Citizens, and the Planning Board brought it forward for the town to vote on in March.

Whit noted there are many cases where there are large discrepancies in the ArcGIS mapping tool associated with the Zoning Ordinance. His feeling is the maps are unreliable. He will be talking to the Planning Board about this.

Tunis Update: Draft of Notice of Violation was reviewed. Whit will review his notes on the setback measurement and get back to the Board. Once that happens the letter will be printed and sent.

Old Business:

Tamara noted she spoke to someone at Consolidated Communications about the pole at the beach, who was going to look into the matter and get back in touch. Tamara will follow up with an e-mail to her.

The Board discussed proceeding with engineered drawings for a perched beach. They will hold off until they know what the status of moving the pole is.

New Business:

Dick reported, Pixie Hill, Town Clerk, is moving forward to become a Municipal Agent to do the State portion of auto registrations. The application packet requires specific computer capabilities. He has forwarded the packet to Mike Lavelle at Certified Computers, the Town's IT support company. They have been involved with setting this up for other towns. The Town will need to purchase a separate dedicated printer.

Pixie received an inquiry from Robert Spoerl, Land Agent for the Division of Forests and Land regarding a .25 acre parcel, Map 27, Lot 170-395 off Route 4A that the Town took for non-payment of taxes in 2016. This was land that was originally part of the Dartmouth Grant, (now owned by Gile State Forest,). The deed stipulated the parcel was supposed to revert back to the original owner if it was not used by the Grantee. The State would like to clean up holdings in the Gile and is inquiring whether the Town would consider gifting the parcel to the State. The Selectboard agreed there is no need to hold on to the parcel, and will look into what is required to transfer.

There were no bids submitted for the 6 to 7 cords of log-length wood for at the highway garage that was noted in previous Selectmen minutes. The Board agreed to modify the dates and repost on the web and bulletin board. Bids will be due no later than 4 p.m. on May 14, 2018. Minimum bid is \$400.00. Successful bidder must supply Certificate of Insurance and wood must be removed by 4 pm on Monday, June 11th. Pete Abair will supervise and coordinate the wood removal.

Board and Department Updates: Members reported on their respective departments.

Tamara has received an inquiry from a homeowner asking if the fire department would be willing to do a controlled burn of a brush pile near a propane tank. She will be talking to the department at their meeting tomorrow night.

Laura Pauling has begun her duties as Library Director.

Capitol Alarm has upgraded the alarm system and a second panic button for the library.

Conservation Commission is planning their annual Green-Up Day for Saturday May 5th. They will need access to the fire station from 8:45a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and for someone to arrange for the highway department to do trash pickup. Tamara will open the building that day, and speak to Peter Abair.

George stated he would be attending the Zoning Meeting on April 10, The Upper Valley Planning Commission meeting on April 11, and the Lake Sunapee Protective Association meeting on April 12.

Signatures:

New contract for Unifirst was reviewed and signed. There is a slight decrease in weekly costs with the new contract.

Veteran's exemption applications were processed.

Two Auditors from Vachon & Clukay began the annual audit today, April 9th. When they are finished, they will be processing a re-committal Tax Collector Warrant to Pixie Hill, Tax Collector and Management Reports of their findings.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant