

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MAY 30, 2018

MEMORIAL BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

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

The meeting came to order at 4:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others: Leigh Callaway, Attorney Anthony Lenhart, Whit Smith, and Cemetery Trustees, Annette Granger, Dale Milne, Dick Petrin, and Road Agent Pete Abair.

Leigh Callaway reported he has received \$1,280 for 250th Celebration donations. \$250.00 from a recent mailing, and \$1,030 from a private donor. Motion made by Dick Hendl to accept the donations for the 250th Celebration fund, seconded by George, and unanimously approved.

Tunis LLC: Attorney Lenhart, met with the Board. Mrs. Austin had shared pictures of what the carport looks like now. Whit Smith and a member of the Board of Selectmen will meet with Attorney Lenhart at the property on June 5th at 4:00 pm. A formal report will be provided for the Selectmen to come to a decision as to whether a structure remains or not.

REPORT from ZONING COORDINATOR. -- Board of Selectmen - Monday, May 30, 2018.

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

Application for Permit – Acted Upon, Approved:

1. Mr. Seastrand, 435 Messer Hill Rd, wants to place a prefabricated shed behind his house. I have been out to the property and met with the applicant. The location for the shed has been marked and in compliance with all setback requirements; there are no wetlands issues. Structure will be less than 35' tall. Application reviewed and forwarded to BOS members. APPROVED by Zoning Coordinator pursuant to delegation of authority.
2. Mr. & Mrs. O'Day, 52 Stryker Road, wants her husband to erect a 40' v 14' (8' tall) greenhouse. I have met with the applicant and I have been out to the site. The location for the greenhouse has been marked and in compliance with all setback requirements; there are no wetlands issues. Structure will be less than 35' tall. Application reviewed and forwarded to BOS members. APPROVED by Zoning Coordinator pursuant to delegation of authority.
3. Travis Trussell, 268 Shad Hill Road, wants to move an existing shed and attach it to another existing shed structure in his front yard. I have been out to the property. No set back issues, no wetlands shown on the ArcGIS Wetlands mapping tool and structure will be less than 25' tall. Application reviewed and forwarded to BOS members. APPROVED by Zoning Coordinator pursuant to delegation of authority.
4. Katie Lantz, 194 Hogg Hill Road, would like to put a deck on the back of their house (complete with hot tub!) I have been out to the property and discussed with Mr. Gallant. No set

back issues, no wetlands shown on the ArcGIS Wetlands mapping tool and structure will be less than 35' tall. Application reviewed and forwarded to BOS members. APPROVED by Zoning Coordinator pursuant to delegation of authority.

Application for Permit PENDING:

NONE

Other Matters.

A. Attended Planning Board meeting.

B. Emails and phone call with Selectman Hendl regarding follow up site visit to 150 Woodcrest Tunis LLC).

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Whit reported he has met with Kerry McNally. She has a house located in a wetlands buffer. Originally there was a deck on the house which was removed about 6 years ago. The house with the prior deck predates the wetlands change in the Ordinance. Ms. McNally would like to replace the deck with the same sized structure. Whit stated the proper step is to make application to the Planning Board for a Conditional Use Permit which will be done for the June meeting.

Cemetery: The Select Board requested the attendance of the Cemetery Trustees and Road Agent. Tamara stated there has been some misunderstanding about who is in charge of overseeing maintenance at the cemetery. Pete had been in charge when Frank Anderson was the Sexton. Frank addressed cemetery needs and Pete would make the purchases as he uses certain vendors to get the best prices for the town. Pete has expressed concern with recent purchases he was not aware of. He has not seen copies of the invoices. Dick Petrin stated he recently gave his ok to Cody to buy mulch and loam for the cemetery. Pete stated he was not aware of that. All agreed it is difficult for Cody for there to be more than one person in charge. Protocol for who is in charge needs to be determined. Dale noted it was brought to her attention that the cemetery was not weed wacked properly and mowing in the upper cemetery was not done before Memorial Day. The trustees are concerned that 10 hours a week is not enough, especially leading up to Memorial Day. They would like the cemetery to be taken care of the way it used to be. Communications between the Trustees and Pete is critical. Pete will be in charge of scheduling hours for work at the cemeteries, and make arrangements to accommodate extra hours, as needed, in the busy growing season. The Trustees will still maintain the cemetery budget. George stated he refuses to believe that this can't be handled the same way it was with Frank. There needs to be one boss. Dick Petrin agreed.

Minutes of May 14, and May 21, 2018. George moved to accept the minutes of both meetings as written. Motion seconded by Dick and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Highway Site Update: Tamara received an e-mail from Jeff Evans on May 22. The State is strongly scrutinizing the application because this is the third one for that particular piece of property. One of the areas they are pushing back on is the size of the crossing. Pete Abair has indicated the size is not that important. The State is also looking for a construction sequence and want more pictures Dick and Tamara would like to be present when Jeff comes to take the pictures.

Consolidated Communications Update: Consolidated has been given the pole number. There is nothing new to report.

Skate Park Update: Dick has spoken to Treasurer, Maryanne Petrin. She is in agreement the painting can be taken care of through the Recreation Fund. The Town will cut a check directly to Frank Sparrow, and the money will be transferred back to the General Fund.

Highway Roof overhangs: Dick met with Capitol Roofing yesterday. They are reviewing solutions to the 3 overhangs and one big track for the truck bays on the side of the building. They understand the financial concerns.

Marquee signs: The Garden Club has received an estimate of \$1700 to replace the signs. The Board agrees this should be done. Motion by Dick to move forward with the Garden Club to replace the marquee sign as per their plans, costs to be split with them. Motion seconded by George and unanimously approved.

New Business:

Dick reported Inspector Perry from the NH Department of Labor did a walk-thru of the highway department, fire department, town offices, library, and meetinghouse today. For the most part, the issues were related to housekeeping issues. Mr. Perry noted there may be grant money available for safety service departments that could be used for improved ventilation and retractable electrical cords for the fire department. Mr. Perry will send his report in 2 to 3 weeks. The Town has 30 days to fix problems. There is a format to follow if extensions are required for issues that may not be able to be fixed within the 30 days. Dick said the inspector commented that for a town that has never undergone a full DOL safety inspection, things look pretty good.

Jim Dewkett has finished the wiring at the Historical Museum and came in under the estimate. The Historical Society is pleased with the work.

Tamara reported Ben Crowell spoke to her at the office last week and left a sample of a letter for the Selectmen to sign in support of SB 365 related to use and sustainability to maintain a viable market for low quality timber in New Hampshire and continued use of biomass fueled electric generating stations across the state. The draft of the letter was shared with the other Board members to give them an opportunity to review. Dick stated he did a fair amount of research and also reached out to the New Hampshire Municipal Association and Senator Ruth Ward. This

bill has already passed the House and Senate and is waiting for the Governor's signature. Dick noted he is conflicted because there are several advantages and disadvantages of SB 365 with local impact. He shared the following analysis.

Analysis of Implementing SB 365

Advantages of Implementation:

Bill's backers claim a savings of about 900 local jobs (mostly in the North Country, but some locally)

Reduces impact of natural gas price variability on renewable electricity generators

Maintains the local property taxes that renewable electricity generators provide (\$93,779 in Springfield's case based on 2017 figures, relates to an increase of about \$0.46/\$1000 on the tax rate, or about \$92/year for a \$200,000 assessed property)

Disadvantages of Implementation:

Increases residential electricity rates (6th highest in the nation) between \$0.03 and \$0.04 per KWH (between \$90 and \$120 for an annual usage of 3000 KWH)

Loss of creation of new jobs due to higher electricity rates (Ex: SigSauer chose to build a new plant in the South, citing a potential savings of \$1M per year on electricity alone)

Mandates energy providers pay the higher-than-market costs for biomass produced energy from inefficient, noncompetitive generating plants (many foreign owned)

After discussion a motion was made by Dick to allow the opportunity to go by and not sign this letter. Motion was seconded by George. George asked results of House and Senate voting. Exact numbers were not known but the votes were close. The bill did not pass by a landslide. All Selectmen voted in favor of Dick's motion.

The wireless internet in the Protectworth Room has not been working. Certified Computers is scheduled to take a look at it tomorrow. Whit noted when he was at the office a couple of weeks ago, and Pixie was having connection issues. He went downstairs to see if he could determine what the problem was. He noted that the installation "is a mess" down there and it should be cleaned up and labeled with a schematic provided as to what does what.

Whit also reported he sometimes works with clients at the Town Office, and he would like to be able to access the internet and a printer from his laptop at those times. Whit suggested the town might look into migrating from a hard-wired network to a mesh network which allows public and

private domains through a secure channel and a public channel. In his experience, it is relatively easy to migrate and is a superior product.

Board and Department updates:

George stated his committees have had no activities since the Select Board's last meeting.

Dick stated the Library Trustees will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month.

There will be a ceremony for scholarship recipients on Thursday, June 14th.

Fire Department: The new tanker is in service and was used in response to a call yesterday.

Correspondence: Letter received from Jim Bednar thanking the Board for their support of the Memorial Day Service. In particular he commented on how great it was for attendees to be involved in the service by placing flags at Veteran's graves, as was the Decoration Day tradition. Jim made a suggestion for another year to consider working with the garden club to place flags in the flower garden in recognition of each veteran.

Dick extended appreciation to Tamara and Ken and their children for organizing and participating in the Memorial Day Service.

Signatures:

MS-535 signed

Timber Yield Assessments approved and signed

Abatement applications approved or denied as recommended by the assessor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant