

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JANUARY 28, 2019

MEMORIAL BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Others present: Whit Smith, Leigh Callaway, Maryanne Petrin, Peter Lacaille, and Raymond Abair.

Leigh reported an additional \$1,027 was received for lift donations from the pulled-pork and beer tasting event this weekend. They estimated 100 people attended. Vesper services were held yesterday afternoon, also was well attended. George moved to accept the \$1,027.00 to the 250th Charitable Trust. Motion seconded by Dick and unanimously approved.

Leigh reported it appears the bearings in the bell at the meetinghouse have all seized. He has found someone who can repair the bell. Dick moved to authorize Leigh to contact the individual. Motion seconded by George and unanimously approved.

Leigh has a clock repairman who has consented to fix the clock at the meetinghouse. This person did work on Sunapee's clocktower. Leigh stated he would donate the fee for repairing the clock. Dick suggested waiting to see how much it is going to cost before agreeing to accept Leigh's donation. Leigh noted research on the clock shows it was donated to the Town on October 13, 1940 at an oyster supper by Clarence Collins.

Maryanne Petrin reported she, Pixie Hill, and Angela MacCreighton are going to go through the upstairs closet in the meetinghouse since some of the space will be lost for the lift installation. She asked for permission to discard anything that may no longer be useful or have value. The Board approved they proceed.

REPORT from ZONING COORDINATOR. -- Board of Selectmen - Monday, January 28, 2019.

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

Application for Permit – Acted Upon, APPROVED

1. On-Site Contracting, George Hill Road; Application (after-the-fact) for a 26' x 30' concrete pad. Agreed value of \$2000. After the fact fee paid. There are no setback or wetlands issues. Height of structure less than 4" above ground level. Zoning Coordinator recommended approval of this application. This application was APPROVED at the last meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Applicant then notified by email that application APPROVED and applicant was advised that any structure placed on the pad (by himself or subsequent owner) will require a new

Zoning Permit – this permit is for concrete pad only. Applicant advised to include this requirement in the real property disclosures in the event of a sale of the property.

2. Barbara Georgitsis, 175 Oak Hill West; Application to install/place a permanently mounted electricity generator next to house. There are no setback or wetlands issues. Height of structure less than 5' above ground level. This application was APPROVED pursuant to delegation of authority.

Application for Permit PENDING

3. James Mullins, Woodcrest Road; Application to build primary residence on non-conforming lot. Special Exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) (March 2017). House plans appear to be slightly different than the buildable “footprint” that was presented to/approved by the ZBA. Zoning Coordinator has requested additional information from the applicant. Receipt of the request has been acknowledged by the applicant. No further communication from Applicant. Zoning Coordinator has followed up by email.

Other Matters.

A. Attended Planning Board meeting. Of note, issue of noise generation on Route 4A (apparently from operations at “Evarts”) was brought up and discussed at the Planning Board meeting.

B. Inquiry from Mark Brunelle (On-Site Contracting) regarding sign ordinance in the Town of Springfield. Responded to Mr. Brunelle that there is no Sign Ordinance *per se*, but there are rules regarding size of signs advertising commercial activity, home businesses and home occupations. Apparently, a neighbor has placed a sign (that Mr. Brunelle is concerned about) next to the lot line of the property he is developing located on George Hill Road. Chief of Police is aware of the situation.

C. Communication with Frank Caruso (Certified Computer Solutions) regarding computer software for the upgraded computers that are being installed in the town offices (Police, Clerk, Administration) and police vehicles.

D. Additional email from resident of Springfield regarding the concrete pad poured by or for On-Site Contracting. Respond to the same.

E. Related to item A, above, subsequent to the Planning Board meeting, Olivia Weathers contacted Zoning Coordinator (by email) regarding the noise, specifically from Evarts. Reply sent to Ms. Weathers responding to her question (who to contact). BOS received copy of the reply.

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Whit reported he is still waiting to clarify the Mullins building plans with their designer. It will be two years come March, since the Zoning Board granted a Special Exception.

Whit has been contacted by Olivia Powers, an abutter to the former Evarts Lumber Mill about noise concerns. Whit noted there was a lengthy discussion about this at the Planning Board meeting on January 17th.

Olivia met with the Board. ~~Her~~ She and her family are the closest abutters and have lived across the street from the lumber company for 14 years and never had an issue. The new owner took over management in August. Since that time, there has been a noticeable change in the noise from the mill and beeping from the equipment. As a neighbor, she has tried to work with the mill and has met with Dennis, the manager, about the beepers. They have been receptive to mitigating the beeping but some of the equipment has not yet been done. She purchased two sets OSHA approved noise reducers for them. She continues to reach out to them but has not spoken to them about the fan noise. The noise is different than it had been and runs 24 hours a day. She would like to see it returned to the way it was before the change in ownership in August. Whit reported at the Planning Board Meeting, Michael Howard mentioned he has spoken to some residents who have also noticed a change. The Planning Board held a lengthy discussion, but they did not form any opinion or conclusions. After discussion, Selectboard members agreed this needs to be addressed. Whit has a decibel meter and will take some readings. Dick and Whit will work out a time to meet. Tamara thanked Olivia for her information and her willingness to work with the owners of the mill.

Lift: Peter Lacaillade, Fire Chief and Raymond Abair were in attendance. Tamara reported she asked Pete and Raymond to attend the meeting due to the concerns regarding ADA compliance and safety as a result of the discussion at the January 22 Budget Committee Meeting. It was made clear that no one was out to "rain on the parade" of the 250th fundraising efforts, but there are public safety issues that need to be addressed before the Selectboard is comfortable proceeding. Dick reported he met with someone in Wilmot about the lift they installed in their building. However, their building was not a historic building and basically was gutted and redone before their lift was installed, and another means of egress in the event of an emergency. The Selectboard noted they are aware and supportive of the intent to provide access to the second floor of the meetinghouse for those who have ambulatory difficulties, but they have concerns about what would happen in the event of fire, a power outage or other natural disaster when it is not be feasible to use the lift to get downstairs. Dick stated he has information about other agencies that may be able to offer some guidance. Raymond stated this not an uncommon problem as many other towns deal with the same issues in older buildings. Chief Lacaillade stated he would need to do some research and will look at the architect's plans and get back to the Selectmen. Pete recommends an updated inspection by the Fire Department for occupancy ratings. Dick noted the Request for Proposal for the lift and installation is ready but at this point there are too many unknowns to proceed. The Board hopes to have information in place before their next meeting on February 11th.

Minutes of January 14, 2019: There were several typos to be corrected. (The January 14, 2019 minutes will be amended and reposted.) Motion by George to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Dick and unanimously approved.

Budget and Warrant Article Update:

There were no changes to be made to the proposed operating budget. The Board reviewed samples of possible warrant articles. Plans for the highway storage and future sand shed have been handed out to several contractors for estimates. The Board agreed to provide sample warrant article language to budget committee at their February 5th meeting. Estimates are pending.

Following the Budget Committee's discussion with Pete Abair at the meeting of January 22, 2019, the Selectboard agreed to provide a three- year, non-lapsing warrant article language in the amount of \$50,000.00 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance for a loader for the Highway Department.

Board and Department Updates:

George reported the Highway Department has done a lot of work on the "new to us truck" this week. The spreader chain broke and has been repaired, and bearings and sprockets replaced.

Tamara reported the logger for Russ Lyman had been doing a great job until the recent snow and rain. They moved back in and then due to the ice were not able to get their trucks in and out, so they drove skidders up and down the length of Webster Pass to pull the trucks. Tim Julian was called and met with one of the truck drivers. Pete Abair will take look at the road.

Dick confirmed that the Meetinghouse will be closed from now until just before Town Meeting.

Dick reported that during the heavy rain event of last week, the downstairs hallway between the library and town office building had about 3" of water leaking in along the front wall. The water was mopped up, and the Trustee's have been contacted.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant