

Board of Selectmen  
Springfield Town Office

June 22, 2015  
7:00 pm

Selectmen present: Chairman, Don Hill; Leigh Callaway and George McCusker

Others present: Bryan O'Day, Peter Abair, Tom Duling, Guy & Sue Downy, Hollis Wilder and Dick Hendl

Scheduled appointment:

Guy Downey – withdrawing building permit for altering the existing house and submitting a new permit for a new construction and removal of the existing home. Selectmen asked that the permit include wording that the existing home will be removed within 6 months of the delivery date of new home. Guy agreed that the 6 month period was acceptable to him, and that he would notify the Board as to the exact delivery date once he knows what it is.

Sydney Pratt – Building permit issue with his replacing a patio with a deck. Mr. Pratt had come to the office multiple times with improvements he was doing to his home and he was told that no permit was required. When he decided to replace his patio with a deck he did not believe he needed a permit because of past history. Mr. Pratt stated that he started the removal of the patio and believed that the Zoning Compliance officer visited him and told him that a permit was not necessary. Mr. Pratt was informed later that a permit was required and because he had not obtained one prior to his construction there would be an after the fact fee added. Mr. Pratt felt he was being treated unfairly and wanted the after the fact fee waived. The Selectmen responded that they would need to research what has happened in the past when a waiver had been requested. Selectmen asked Mr. Pratt how he would like to be notified of their decision and he responded that he would like a response in writing. The Selectmen asked Mr. Duling if he would share when he became aware of the construction of the deck. Mr. Duling responded that he drove by Mr. Pratt's driveway noticing 4 piers and wondered what they were going to be used for, days later the piers disappeared so he drove up the driveway and found they had been put in the ground as a base for the deck. Mr. Duling discussed with Mr. Pratt that he would need to submit a building permit and the fee was \$25 but because construction had already begun there would be an additional \$25 fee (after the fact), Mr. Duling gave Mr. Pratt a permit that day. Mr. Pratt disagreed with the course of events which prompted Leigh to ask Mr. Pratt to record his version of the course of events in the construction of the deck.

Because of the nature of the request of Mr. Pratt Leigh moved to wait on a decision until the next meeting. Don seconded, Board passed unanimously.

Douglas Albanese – Building permit after the fact for a deck within the wetland buffer. Board agreed that Mr. Albanese would need to go to Zoning to request a Variance because of the proximity of the extended deck area. Board felt a cease and desist would be in Mr. Albanese's best interest so as to not incur additional expense in case Variance is not approved.

Minutes of June 8th approved as amended.

Don will be signing checks during July, Leigh August and George for September.

Josh McGraw returned the Notice of Limits of Municipal Responsibility and Liability for Class VI and Private Roads.

Current Use Applications:

Munholand - Corrected application, new application

Abatement Applications: all denied

New England Telephone

Eversource

Smith, Roger & Frances

Fairpoint

NH Electric Co-Op

Old business:

Don supplied Leigh and George with an RFP for the propane conversion.

Signs for Town Office have been finished and were installed.

Space needs committee is meeting Wednesday

Board and Department Updates:

Planning Board: George wanted to caution the front office staff to not send everyone to the Planning Board when that isn't where they need to go for assistance.

Leigh nominated Mr. Dick Hendl to be the Springfield representative to the Municipal Budget Committee of the Kearsarge School District. Don seconded the nomination Board passed unanimously. Mr. Hendl's term will run from Sept to March at which time he may run for re-election.

KLPA held their annual meeting on Saturday and covered many relative issues concerning the lake. The committee would like to give new homeowners on the lake a welcome packet, but were concerned with how they would obtain the property transfer information.

Board voted to recess and go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3.

Meeting adjourned 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Tamara Butcher