

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JULY 28, 2014

MEMORIAL BUILDING

6:45 P.M.

The following are to be draft minutes until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

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

The Board voted to enter into non-public session Per RSA 91: A-3, Personnel at 6:45 p.m. At 7:00 the board voted unanimously to seal the non-public minutes and entered into public session.

Public meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Others present: Ed Belfield, Bryan O'Day, John Trachy, Laura Patten, Justin Hastings, Trudy Heath and Maryanne Petrin.

Maryanne Petrin and Trudy Heath asked the Selectmen to consider putting in a water spigot somewhere near the gardens at the recreation field for watering the flowers the Garden Club and the Town are planting. Maryanne stated there is about \$6,000 in the recreation field fund, left from the monies the recreation field fundraising committee turned over to the town for the purpose of field improvements. The Selectmen agreed to investigate what is required and will check with Pete Abair. Don stated the efforts of the Garden Club are being noticed.

Laura Patten met to discuss the possibility of a food pantry in town. Not with meats or perishable items, but with shelf stable products. Several people have begun couponing and are able to take trunks loads of products to other food pantries in the area 3-4 times per month. The logistics of where and how this would work need to be worked out. She has a couple of people who are willing to volunteer their time, and thinks a couple of times per week with some set hours would work. Springfield residents would come during those hours and fill out applications. The Board questioned if and how food pantries are regulated and if State permits are required. Possible space options were discussed and a solution found in order to support it. The Selectmen will brainstorm about possible space options. Laura will get more information about organization for the next Selectman's meeting on August 11th.

Minutes of July 14, 2014: Leigh moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by George. George and Leigh voted in favor. Don abstained as he was not at the last meeting.

Buildings and Grounds/Unfinished projects list: Leigh reviewed the lists. He would like to add a priority column and asked the other Selectmen to review the list and assign priorities. Evaluation of the wiring at the fire/highway complex needs to be prioritized so estimates can be obtained for 2015 budget. Don suggested a possible RFP so contractors can evaluate. Leigh stated he knew someone who might be able to help with costs.

Leigh reported the insurance company and their contracting company have looked at the fire department and will be making the necessary repairs. The insurance policy has a \$1,000 deductible. The damage to the fire truck will be covered under the same deductible. Leigh has informed Pete Lacaillade that the fire department budget will be responsible for covering a portion of the deductible for the truck.

The sand shed is not covered under the insurance policy. Leigh will speak to Pete Abair to see what his recommendations are for reroofing, and whether it is necessary or worthwhile if they come to some sort of solution about a new sand shed next year.

Selectmen discussed new e-mail addresses and hosted accounts versus Pop3. E-mail addresses were approved. Leigh will forward the list to Certified Computer Solutions. Selectmen proposed Labor Day as the public launch for the new website. The setup is being checked for content and links before it goes live.

Don reported the Planning Board alerted him that there had been hauling from the pit on the end of Sanborn Hill Road. Conditional approval for site plan was granted, but the condition of a bond has not been met. Don alerted Chief Tim, and contacted the owner's attorney. Both the attorney and the owner say that they are not doing any hauling from the property.

The Planning Board also requested the Selectmen send a letter to Brunelle residence on Main Street regarding the need for a site plan and/or Special Exception. For about a year there has been heavy equipment stored on the property which is a new use. Selectmen discussed at length. Leigh is concerned with how to proceed with enforcement and not singling out individuals. The ordinance needs to be diligently applied to all as he has been "warned" by LGC legal counsel. George noted he has spoken to Board members about the need for them to be in compliance, but is concerned that they are not willing to come forward. George stated he felt the Selectmen have made a concerted effort to police compliance with building permits, and with new business and sending people to Planning and Zoning when necessary. That isn't like singling someone out.

Selectmen discussed possibly making a phone call or carefully written letter bringing the Board's observations and concerns about Special Exception and Site Plan Review.

Leigh stated the Selectmen have talked about a letter going out to the entire town. Don suggested a "mild letter" about compliance. Leigh suggested the board start by sending this "mild letter" out to people that are known to have heavy equipment, such as excavators in their front yards, as a "hey by the way" about the regulations that are in place. Don will draft a letter for the next meeting, which will be noted in the minutes with a copy to Planning and Zoning for their input.

Tunis LLC: Leigh would like the records to show that he corrected his statement from last meeting to note that rentals are not a home occupation or a home business.

Leigh noted, at the Selectman's request, Tom Duling visited the Tunis property and determined there are two apartments being built in one building. The building permit was approved for a single family residence. Legal counsel suggested a stop work order be given. Leigh drafted and sent a letter requesting they cease further construction. George stated that Tom Duling has the authority to stop the work order, and felt the order should have come from him, not from Leigh representing the Selectmen, unless the Selectmen had met and discussed this. No follow up communication has been received from the letter sent.

New Business:

Letter from the Yenawine's on Colby Hill Road – second requesting a 20 MPH speed limit sign for their road. Leigh stated he believes Chief Tim has checked the road in the past. The Selectmen may have no authority to drop or enforce a speed limit less than 25 MPH. Leigh moved to refer the issue to Chief Tim and review his opinion. Motion seconded by George and unanimously approved.

Don reported the Planning Board had further discussion about wetlands. There will probably be another work session when more members can attend. There is a lot of discussion about setbacks around vernal pools.

Representative from Natural Dharma Fellowship for Wonderwell was there to update them on the progress of their Site Plan and Special Exception applications.

Leigh reported work on straightening some stones in the upper cemetery has begun.

Circuit rider contract with Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region Planning Commission was approved and signed.

Notice of State Election Law Training sessions on August 14th. The supervisors are planning to attend the session in Grantham.

Leigh reported RSA 231:190 may address Cynthia Bruss' inquiry regarding weight limits on Class VI roads. Selectmen have some authority to post weight limits to prevent unreasonable damage or municipal expense. John Trachy suggested contacting Enfield because they tried something similar, and ran into problems. Some Class VI roads shouldn't have vehicular traffic, and the road near the marsh is a prime example. He spoke of the possible examples of changing to Class A or Class B trails, and requires a town meeting vote.

Notification from State of NH DOT – 2014 – 2015 Highway block grant is \$51,000.

Notification from NH DES – receipt of wetlands permit application for 188 Shore Drive.

John Trachy stated that he is planning to build a shed and noted there may be a discrepancy in the Zoning Ordinance regarding the requirement of building permits. He will forward the ordinance language to the Selectmen.

At 9:00 p.m., George McCusker requested to go back into non-public session per RSA 91: A-3, Personnel. At 9:30 p.m., the Selectmen had voted to adjourn and seal the non-public minutes.

I (Janet Roberts) then left the meeting for personal reasons. I do not have knowledge of any further discussion, if any, after I left.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts