

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AUGUST 10, 2015

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:30 P.M.

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

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

Others present: Mason Wheeler, Wayne Smith, Mike Lawlor, and Tim Julian.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Scheduled appointment(s):

Sue Chiarella, on behalf of the Garden Club had three items to discuss.

1. Garden Club is interested in placing Town of Springfield signs at various locations on the State roads coming into town. Peter Mauer has been contacted and will build the 5 signs for \$700.00. The club will purchase the signs if they have the blessings of the Selectmen to accept the donation and absolve the Garden Club of any liability. The signs will be designed similar to the one at the Town Office. The Garden Club will be seeking donations of pressure treated 4' x 4' for the posts, and will contact the DOT for regulations about placement. Leigh moved to approve the donation of the signs, seconded by George. Motion unanimously approved.

2. The Garden Club would like to have more Christmas [holiday] lights and discussed spreading white lights on the trees out front of the town office. There is no power source out front. Mason Wheeler stated there is power available outside at the Town Hall. Susan also discussed lighting a bigger tree in the recreation field using the power there. She felt the club might be able to get a tree donated. The Board asked her to get back to them on what the club decides to do. Lighting outside the town office does not appear to be an option at this time.

3. The Garden Club is hoping to get Phase III of the garden out front of the recreation field dug up to be planted this year. The Board agreed they do not see any issues and will talk to Pete Abair about doing the digging.

Wayne Smith of 360 Hogg Hill Road, voiced his complaint with barking dogs at a neighbor's residence. The neighbor has a kennel and breeds and sells German Shepherds. The noise is very annoying to him and several of his neighbors. There are no signs at the property and no local advertising showing this as a business. Leigh stated he has seen information on a website. Mr. White stated one neighbor reported he could not sell his home because of the noise and several neighbors have spoken to the dogs' owner or called the police department many times. Mr. White states he is concerned with the impact to the value of his property. Review of zoning regulations points to obnoxious use of a property. He is not sure what to do next as the barking is not being controlled. Tim stated he has been there several times and sometimes there is

barking and sometimes not. He has spoken to the owner. Abutter's are on record with complaints filed through Newport Dispatch.

The Board reviewed zoning regulations and it appears the use meets the criteria of a home business and should go before planning. A letter will be drafted and sent referring the property owner to the Planning Board for Site Plan Review.

Wonderwell: Present: Chris Hall and Michael Bruss. Don stated the Selectmen and some members of planning and fire department met at Wonderwell at 6:00 p.m. for an inspection and to evaluate work done and compliance with the conditions of Site Plan approval. The observations are as follows:

1. Exhaust Duct: Chief Lacaillade requested that the status report (page 3, condition 6) be corrected to report that Chief Lacaillade did not approve the duct, he was approving the Ansul.
2. The Planning Board consider amending the dates for the kitchen to include the plans to overhaul and expand the kitchen. The planned expansion would include relocating the stove and bringing the duct and kitchen into compliance, and avoid having to tear out and re-install where the existing duct work is, and then do it again for the expansion. There is no frying of food. The food is a vegetarian based diet, all prepared by Wonderwell's cook. It was heard mentioned that the kind of cooking that is taking place does not cause build up in the duct hood, and the duct could be inspected and certified not to have grease built up.
3. The town should have a copy of the Life Safety Study/Code Analysis being done by the Architect as soon as possible.
4. Fire rating on doors in central stairway needs to be addressed, and NDF should stay on top of the October 1st deadline for that.

George questioned if there had been any parking on the street. Chris reported they have made sure that cars are off the street and are on their own property. The tenting location has been remedied as well.

Leigh moved to allow Wonderwell to continue to operate, with the caveat that they inspect and certify the exhaust duct, and they continue to be compliant with the deadlines in the Site Plan Review. The duct must be inspected and certified no later than September 10th. The report should be an independent report and inspection. The recent reports by NDF have been transparent and they should continue the reporting and keep the momentum going. The Selectmen recommended a consultation with planning to review the need for an amended site plan for the kitchen expansion. Leigh's motion was then seconded by George and unanimously approved.

Mike Bruss stated that Wonderwell will be shutting down during the internal construction during January, February and March, for the kitchen and other life safety issues inside the building, and then start outside after that.

Leigh stated before NDF opens back up, all Life Safety issues must be addressed. Don noted the property will most likely be visited again during the amendment of the Site Plan. Things appear to be running more smoothly with management changes. Chris noted that in the past this was all run through volunteers, but they have recognized the need to have staff devoted to the project(s). Mike stated that the plans the architect provides will go through the State Fire Marshall for the approval process. Don asked Chris and Mike to keep the respective parties informed as they have been doing, and wished them continued success.

Minutes: Leigh moved to approve the July 27, 2015 minutes; seconded by George and unanimously approved. George moved to approve the August 3, 2015 minutes; seconded by Leigh and unanimously approved.

Project List: Leigh provided a draft of a possible RFP for hot water needs to the building, installing 5 individual heaters to the 5 sinks @ a cost of \$250.00 ea. Plus \$2,000 to \$3,000 for electrical. Mason stated a 40 gallon hot water heater would cost about \$500.00 and there is a pump that could be put on the heater to get hot water to the furthest fixture quicker. The initial cost is cheaper and the piping is all ready to go. There is minimal use of hot water in the building so a smaller heater could be considered. Mason recommends a single electric hot water tank. Motion made by Leigh to get a quote from Mason to install an electric hot water heater; motion seconded by George and unanimously approved. Don thanked Leigh for his diligence in putting together the numbers for various water heating options.

Leigh reported that Tatro's Landscaping will begin the work on the steps out front on Friday, August 21, 2015. Side entrances will need to be used on Monday the 24th and Tuesday the 25th.

Mason stated he knows the Selectmen have been "up in the air" as to what they want to do in regards to the chimney removal. He expects to start getting ready for the new boilers in the next week or so. He would like the chimney to "disappear". He has spoken with Todd Longley about tearing the chimney down and disposing of it, patching the roof and blending in the shingles. Mason will do the work to expose the chimney. Mason will get an estimate from Todd. Don moved to approve Todd Longley removing the chimney and fixing the roof. Motion seconded by George and unanimously approved.

Board and Department Updates:

Highway: Leigh reported Pete has looked at the used highway truck at Freightliner and says it looks clean and great. Bill from Freightliner will bring it down for the guys to try out, and look at the white truck. The Selectmen might want to be there. George stated he would like Bryan O'Day and Darrin Patten to look it over as well. Pete will let everyone know when.

Conservation Commission: George reported the Conservation Commission reported the cyanobacteria count at the lake is normal. They are still looking at projects to do through the high school, but it is difficult to get coordinate. George is trying to get an interest from Conservation Commission members to take part in the “coarse filter” screening for building permit applications.

Cemetery: Tim reported there had been some tampering with plaques at the cemetery.

Building Use Committee: Group meets on August 19th. The latest version of the floor plan will be available.

Library: The Library Trustees are doing phone surveys with other libraries about services offered etc.

Heating: The fuel tanks at the town office are $\frac{3}{4}$ full. Arrangements will be coordinated with the highway department to transfer the fuel to other buildings and remove the tanks. Irving will be notified to stop fuel deliveries to all buildings until further notice.

Correspondence:

The Selectmen regrettably accepted the resignation of Richard Kipperman as Moderator. He will be missed. The Selectmen wish him well on his new endeavors. The position of Moderator, per RSA will be filled by appointment by the Supervisors of the Checklist.

Building Permit approved for 12' x 20' shed for Hazelton on Philbrick Hill Road.

Yield tax abatements to the Tax Collector were approved. Yield taxes were erroneously assessed on timber removed as a result of storm damage.

At 8:50 the Board voted unanimously to enter into non-public session.

At 9:10 p.m. the Board voted unanimously to seal the non-public minutes, entered back into public session and adjourned.

Minutes submitted by,

Janet Roberts
Administrative Assistant