

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AUGUST 11, 2014

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

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

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

Others present: Bryan O'Day, David and Gloria Tucker, Ed Belfield, Tom Duling, John Trachy and Sergeant Mike Beaulieu.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of July 28, 2014 – Leigh moved to approve as written, seconded by George and unanimously approved.

Don reported – notification form Mike McCrory, Planner UVLSRPC that the requirements under the volunteer match of the Wetlands Grant were met. In addition, Rick Van De Pol spent considerable time that he did not bill for, which were added to the volunteer match. Motion by Don to draft a thank you letter to Rick and forward to the other two board members for their approval, to be sent by the end of this week. Motion seconded by Leigh and unanimously approved.

May and June reimbursement requests for Wetlands CPG grant were reviewed and the Selectmen granted approval for submission. The reimbursement includes the amended plan for online maps of wetlands.

Projects list: Don reviewed the list and assigned priority “A” to several of the jobs. George concurred with Don’s assessment. Leigh will do an assessment as well for the next meeting.

Don stated in discussing the idea of a water spigot at the recreation field with several people. Concerns include plantings elsewhere and in the barrels around town that need water, the distance required to run a line to the recreation field, concern with vandalism and security of a spigot. A suggestion was made to have a water tank adapted with a spigot and hose to fill and use out of the back of someone’s truck. Watering responsibilities are currently being shared by members of the garden club. Leigh noted the cemetery commission has also talked about having some way to have water available for watering there. The Board agreed everyone is “on board” with the need, and are trying to determine the best long-term solution.

Town Hall – Leigh reported painting should start sometime around August 23, and should take about two weeks. The contractor would prefer not using the building while scraping is taking place. The Board agreed not to schedule use of the hall between the 23rd and the primaries on September 9th. Bill should get the carpentry work done before then. Don will give Bill a call.

Leigh reported he has not received any feedback on the Moose plate grant despite repeated attempts to contact them.

Leigh reported - Website training is scheduled to take place on August 12th. The new website is as complete as the old one. Copies of available minutes need to be reviewed and made available on the

new website. Leigh would like to send an e-mail to the board chairmen and department heads with the non-public link for them to review before it goes live. Leigh will draft the e-mail and send to the other two selectmen to look at before sending on.

Don will attend the VTS Technology Conference on September 24th in Worcester, MA.

Leigh shared the plan Jeff Milne prepared of one potential concept for the property behind the highway complex, of a storage area and/or possible future sand/salt shed or other use as the town finds feasible. The idea is to use the plan as a reference as a conversation starter with the budget committee. The Planning Board should also take a look at this. Leigh noted, for the record, he would like to offer his "kudos" and thanks to Jeff Milne for the time that he has put into this. Don concurred.

Don reported following the second request for a speed limit on Colby Hill Road, he took a ride up there. The road is in great shape with good visibility. The road is not a through road, but is dead end so most users are likely residents. He also took a drive along Baptist Pond/Stoney Brook road and felt that there were speed issues there as well. The default speed limit on Colby Hill is 35 mph and probably shouldn't be more than 25 mph. Leigh reported Chief Julian responded to his last request with a copy of the RSA regarding speed limits. The board agreed to table further action until they have input from Chief Tim. Dave Tucker stated most people travel at a rate of speed about 10 mph above posted limits.

Laura Patten recommends the town needs to address a food pantry sooner rather than later. She recently had a client who reported they had been treated very rudely at the Newport Food Pantry and she had a similar experience when she called there as well. Don reported he has been looking into possibilities. The fire department does not feel they have adequate space. Space requirements are an issue. There will also need to be protocols in place. After further discussion, all agree there obviously is a need, but the details need to be worked out. Laura has made attempts to contact the NH Food Bank and New London to review requirements.

Leigh requested that Don bring a misstatement in the Zoning Ordinance to the attention of the Planning Board at their next meeting. Don extended "kudos" to John for having pointed out at the last Selectmen's meeting that there appeared to be an issue relative to building permits.

George commented that the Community Alliance from Claremont has been here in the past to talk about their Free Ride program. He noted that there are problems with that working in that they do not have enough available drivers to accommodate the need. Also, there have been problems with the busses precipitated by the trouble at Market Basket. The busses make hourly stops at Walmart and Market Basket. Recently, a family member got dropped off at Hannaford. The bus never returned to pick the person up. The manager at Hannaford got involved, but it appears that the Community Alliance is not being cooperative. He felt awareness needs to be made of the existing situation, and steps need to be taken to adapt to the situation at hand. Dave Tucker suggested George attend a Sullivan County Commissioner's meeting to make them aware. George stated he will be discussing the situation at the next meeting of the UVLSRPC.

Correspondence: Notification from Nate Miller, of UVLSRPC regarding notice from the Office of Energy and Planning of the proposed purchase of 65 acres of land, known as the Petraeus property, by NH Fish and Game to become part of the Wildlife Management Area around the McDaniel's Marsh. A large

portion of the property falls within the local wetlands buffer. The existing property is assessed as Current Use land and generates only about \$18.00 in taxes annually. The information is being shared for informational purposes and is not subject to any local approval. The Board agreed they saw nothing objectionable in the proposal.

Signatures:

Building Permit – David & Gloria Tucker – Route 4A. Proposal to enlarge existing deck and screen in one area to use outside in the summer. Wetlands are on the other side of the house. Dave stated due to his wife's allergies, they wish to have a place where they can enjoy free from bugs. Tom Duling has signed off on the application. Leigh noted the application meets the setbacks and the proposed construction is nowhere close to the buffer. This is not for business, but for private use. Leigh moved to approve, seconded by George and unanimously approved. Dave asked if he could go ahead and order materials. The board answered in the affirmative. The application was signed.

Purchase order- Highway Department for a replacement fuel tank for the White truck. Leigh reported the tank is leaking and has corroded. George asked if it could be welded. The board signed the purchase order but Don will speak to Pete first thing in the morning to see if welding is a possibility.

Contract for the change in the CPG Wetlands Grant to amend the scope of the agreement to develop an Online Wetlands Mapping Tool. Contract signed.

Timber Yield Assessment reviewed and approved for RH Webb Forestry.

Purchase Order- Highway Department for new rake teeth for the York Rake.

The former owners of the two properties that were tax deeded did not respond within the required time frame of any intent to repurchase. The sale of the two properties will be advertised.

Don recommended that the Selectmen continue to investigate solutions for a food bank. George suggested combining forces with New London. They have a facility, space, and structure and if our volunteers were willing to work there, and donations given to them, they have the organization and are nearby and easily accessible. Leigh will give Laura a call to discuss a possible partnership with New London. Don noted there is a need for this locally but noted concern that need is not to the scale to warrant the space necessary.

Don asked for any other business. John Trachy stated he had something he would like to bring up after the meeting adjourned. Don stated that the Selectmen do not do business after adjourning. John stated that he thinks he is going to proceed with construction for a shed under "permitted use" without getting a building permit. Don stated that is not advisable and is an unintended use of a phrase in the ordinance that, John himself found and brought to the Board's attentions. It does not follow the intent of the ordinance. The Town could take legal action and penalties can be assessed per day. John's response was for the Town to do what is necessary, but he doesn't think it is a requirement.

Don noted his disappointment that John would take this stand, when he (Don) just finished commending John for bringing a potential issue to light two weeks ago. Leigh stated he strongly advised John against doing this as he would be doing it for all the wrong reasons. Don concurred.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,
Janet Roberts

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