

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**AUGUST 14, 2013**

**MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**6:30 P.M.**

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

Leigh Callaway and George McCusker conveyed at 6:30 p.m. for a non-public session per RSA 91:A-3. At 6:55 p.m. the Selectmen voted to seal the non-public minutes and adjourned the public session.

7:00 p.m. Public Session

Selectmen present: Leigh Callaway and George McCusker.

Others present: Bryan O'Day, Bill Huntoon, Pete Lacaillade, Pete Abair, Tom Duling, Mike Beaulieu, Tim Julian, Bruce Allen, Ed Belfield and Kevin Roberts.

Vice-Chairman Leigh Callaway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Scheduled appointments: Tim Julian, Police Chief, reported that due to concern of the lack of a lifeguard at the town beach, Sgt. Beaulieu approached an employee at Brown's Auto and Marine in Newport. Brown's has donated a john boat (row boat) for police, fire, and rescue's use. Tim asked that the Selectmen accept this gift. He (Tim) is working on a policy as to when and who would use the boat and how it will be secured. This boat is similar in size to the one the fire department has, but would be located near the beach and closer to where it may be needed. Tim has reviewed insurance requirements with the Local Government Center (LGC). For a rowboat they require one hour of training per year. Only people who have been trained are allowed to use it and it will be kept secured for access trained personnel. This would all be defined in the use policy. Insurance costs are minimal.

Questions:

George McCusker asked for examples as to how the boat would be used. Tim reported about three years ago some teenagers swamped a boat in the middle of the lake. It took over an hour before someone responded.

Leigh Callaway questioned whether the boat would be put into use this season or next? Tim would like to put it in place as soon as details are worked out. Leigh asked if this boat would meet the needs of the town say 10 years from now? Tim stated this boat fits the need for years to come. A motor on the boat, increase insurance costs and training requirements and is not something the town needs.

George questions who is going to use the boat? Is it going to be a police action boat, or a lifeguard boat? What type of calls do they foresee? Who gets the calls? Tim noted for example if a kid was to take a raft out into deep water and got into trouble, the boat would be used for rescue. 911 would get the call and the fire department and police department would be dispatched simultaneously. Having this

boat at the lake would prevent the need to load the boat from the fire station onto a truck after fire department personnel responding first to the station and then to the lake, and would decrease response time. The criteria for use would be done through training.

George reported that he has been told that the town has the use of Mr. Duling's boat now for any kind of rescue. Tim and Mike stated that this is the first that they have heard of it, and now there would be two boats in the water.

George stated he finds it hard to believe that the fire department can't get there fast enough with their existing boat. Pete Lacaillade responded that daytime/weekday coverage with the fire department volunteers is sometimes difficult. Fire department members might not be in town. The police would have direct access to the boat at the lake and be able to respond to a call more quickly.

George inquired as to whether the local police department has limited policing powers on the water versus the full policing powers of Marine Patrol, and whether these issues should be left to Marine Patrol. Tim responded that Marine Patrol would increase response time. They only have authority on the water. Fish & Game have authority on Fish & Game related matters. Police officers have authority over all, and once the Fire Department is on the scene they are in command. This boat is something to subsidize what the Town all ready has. It meets the needs of Springfield.

Leigh asked how soon the boat would be in service. Tim stated as soon as he can meet with the fire chief and work out training and procedures.

George questioned if this would be an internal policy with police and fire or did there need to be some kind of beach ordinance in case the boat were destroyed. Tim stated the policy would be internal. Criminal charges would be pursued if the boat were to be vandalized.

Mike Beaulieu stated more people and older people are getting into kayaking. This is a strenuous exercise and stated for example, what would happen were someone to have a heart attack while kayaking needing help. He has brought up his concern about lack of a lifeguard in the past and understands the costs involved. Having patrolled near the beach, he sees many instances where children are not closely monitored. Parents allow their children to swim out too far with only "floaties" on. His job is to "serve and protect", and he feels this is taking a proactive measure. Someone is willing to donate a boat that the town doesn't have to purchase. He hopes they will never have to use it.

Leigh stated that he is in favor of accepting the boat, George stated that he is not. They discussed tabling the decision for the next meeting when Don would be present. Tim asked George why he was not in favor? George stated that he didn't see that it is going to amount to anything; he cannot imagine any scenario where it would be needed. Leigh said his perspective is that he is not the expert here and he is taking the word of the professionals that serve the town. Later in the meeting, Tim called Newport Dispatch to get a hold of Marine Patrol. If there were an emergency, Marine Patrol stated their response time would be about an hour.

Leigh and George agreed to table this to the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Bruce Allen, Conservation Commission Chairman reported he was asked by the Commission to come to the Selectman's meeting to notify the Selectmen of findings of vandalism on town property. There have been stones torn from the old foundation on the Brooks Lot, most likely from people who may be there prospecting, and a 4-wheeler trail has been made through the McDaniel/Knapp lot. These are remote

locations and difficult to monitor. Leigh questioned if Bruce had brought it to the attention of the police. Bruce stated that he has spoke to Tim but the Conservation Commission wanted him to be sure the

Selectmen were aware of these issues. There was discussion whether the land could be posted since it is town land, or what other kind of legal recourse may be available. There may be regulations that exist for disturbing old cellar holes. At this point, Tim Julian came back into the room. Tim suggested contacting the snowmobile club since the 4 wheeled vehicles are using their trails and wrecking them. He also suggested posting no-wheeled vehicle signs on the trails. It was acknowledged that wheeled vehicles could not be denied access on the Class VI roads except for certain times of year. Tim stated as far as the Brooks Lot is concerned, destruction of town property could result in criminal mischief charges if someone is caught. Bruce Allen will work with the police department to take measures to protect the property. Leigh and George were in favor of this arrangement.

George moved to accept the July 22, 2013 minutes as written, seconded by Leigh and unanimously approved.

Ed Belfield noted that it was brought up at one meeting that he had volunteered to paint the flagpole at the historical society. He reported that he painted the flagpole (which needs replacing), but he didn't know anything about painting it until it was brought up at that meeting. The Selectmen thanked Ed for painting.

Unfinished business:

Leigh reported he has not heard anything from the Moose Plate grant and will follow up on it but is afraid that "no news is bad news" in this case.

Leigh reported the town hall steeple project should be finished this week. He will arrange for Jon Poston to do a walk-thru with Jason Foster before the final invoice is paid.

Leigh stated the Sand Shed study group will meet Thursday, August 22 at the fire station/highway complex. Jeff Evans, Wetland's Scientist will present his findings.

Leigh reviewed the Scope of Work he drafted for an engineering study of the highway/fire garage that the Selectmen agreed to do during the budget process last year. He has a list of people to send the scope of work to and has some recommendations from Jeff Milne through his work with Proctor. This is to be a contract for consulting services only and not for bids for work to be completed. The bids will be due August 26<sup>th</sup> with the engineering study to be complete by October 30<sup>th</sup>, so as to have enough time for numbers for the budget process. Preferably he is looking for bids that don't have construction companies behind them. Leigh stated, with approval, he will contact the people on the list. The Scope of Work was approved. Motion by George to give Leigh authority to proceed, seconded by Leigh and unanimously approved.

Board and Department Updates:

George reported the ZBA heard two cases. Mark Brunelle, for property on Baptist Pond, and Michael Hansen for boat storage. The Board determined that the hearing from Mike Hansen wasn't noticed properly and will be re-noticed for next month. Mark Brunelle is seeking relief from setbacks to replace

an existing cottage on a pre-existing lot. It appears he is putting something in that fits well there. There is a site visit scheduled for Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Peter has been busy changing culverts, and grading. Clint has been “on-loan” for work in the cemeteries. Things look good.

Peter stated he has bids from Pike for paving and has an appointment to meet with Blaktop. He wasn't pleased with the bids. They were about \$20,000 more than budgeted. He has projects planned for Stoney Brook Road, Town Farm Road, and George Hill Road, as well as the parking lot at the town office. Pete does feel that he has room in other places in his budget for the work to be done. The Selectmen discussed the possibility of some funds from buildings and grounds to use toward the parking lot project.

Pete reported the people on the Bog Road did clean up the road at the end of their driveway after recent heavy rain.

Pete has a couple of large old maple trees on the Heath property across from Huntoon's that should come down. He has contacted Mike Laroque about a bid.

Mowing of roadsides went well. The highway department rented the equipment and the mowing was done by the employees.

Leigh reported the Cemetery Trustees are working up a budget and are reviewing stones for repairs.

Leigh Callaway moved to re-appoint Kevin Lee as a representative to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Planning Commission, seconded by George and unanimously approved. (3 Year Term)

#### Correspondence:

Notice of New Hampshire Municipal Association Budget and Finance, CIP, and HealthCare Reform workshop in September in Manchester.

#### Signatures:

Abatement to Tax Collector for interest calculation error.

ULVSRPC Annual Circuit Rider Agreement. Leigh would like an opportunity to read it further.

George agreed to approve of Leigh signing the document after he has had an opportunity to read it  
Fire Department – Purchase Order approved and signed.

Sansoucy Contract for annual utility update approved and signed.

MS-1 Extension request

#### Building permits:

Keyser – Bowman Road – 8 x 8 shed for lawnmowers. Not for business use – Application approved  
Fletcher – Tarn Lane – tear down and replacement of an enlarged garage, meets setbacks, no wetlands. – Application approved.

Nichols – Town Farm Road – replace front stairs and replace with porch. Porch is further away from wetlands than existing house – Application approved.

Brunelle – Philbrick Hill Road – meets setbacks. Leigh reported he and Tom visited the site yesterday. The foundation had all ready been poured. They discussed with Mr. Brunelle that construction had begun without a permit in place. Mr. Brunelle indicated to them that a foundation did not begin the building process. They felt that substantial progress is made when concrete is poured. George and Leigh agreed that the foundation constitutes building and he should pay an additional \$50.00 for an “After the

Fact” permit. George noted his concern that this is not the first time this has happened with this builder. The building application was approved and signed but will not be released until the additional fee is paid.

Miscellaneous Business:

Tom Duling noted the news report regarding the purchase of property in Unity by Sullivan County.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts