

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JANUARY 22, 2018

MEMORIAL BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

The following are to be considered draft minutes until approved by the Board.

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen present: Leigh Callaway, Chairman; Tamara Butcher and Dick Hendl.

Others present: Abutters and interested parties of Pettengill Road: Marjorie Carr, John Carr, Fred Williamson, Pete Angus, and Jim Yager.
Also, Zoning Coordinator, Whit Smith; and Bruce Whittemore.

Pettengill Road: Leigh opened the discussion regarding Pettengill Road. He reported Jim Yager has requested permission to work on what is referred to as Pettengill Road. The Selectboard is not sure if they have authority to approve or deny a request. The records show the road was approved and laid out in 1822, but the status of the road after that is unclear and may have been discontinued or Class VI. Because this could be an issue for other people who own property on this road, the Selectboard, at their last meeting, agreed to employ the services of Clayton Platt, a licensed surveyor to review and verify the records to define the status. The Board will not go forward with granting permission for any work until then. Dick noted on previous occasions he has asked Jim for a plan or a list of things he wants to do. Jim stated he wants to comply with the rules, but he needs to have a personal understanding of the boundaries and what is permitted to know what he can do. Leigh stated the Board would like to know in writing what work is proposed when the time comes. Leigh also explained, that Peter Abair, the Road Agent, is also a property owner on that road. He may have the right to work on that road as well, but he would have to do so on his own time and not as a town employee. Pete also, as the Road Agent will have input as to the work performed. Leigh reported he has gone through the tax files and there are 4 properties that adjoin the road. He has looked at surveys and documented records and on that side of George Hill Road, Pettengill Road is in Springfield with the western boundary of the road being the Enfield Town Line. On the other side of George Hill Road, the portion of the old road that runs South and West, is on the Enfield side of the Town Line and according to the Enfield Public Works Director, was discontinued in 1884.

Leigh recommended those with an interest keep an eye on the Selectmen's agenda. They will post notice when Clayton Platt has submitted his information.

Jim Yager noted the Planning Board may have some information. Surveyor, Paul Darbyshire did a great deal of research on that road when Mighty Oaks subdivided the lot where Peter Angus lives. Mr. Williamson questioned if Pettengill Road used to go all the way from George Hill Road to Route 4A or did they layout a road that was that short? Leigh stated from the information he has seen he does not think the road went all the way through. Leigh noted the Selectboard does not have the expertise and creditability in determining if this is a public highway or not or if it is Class VI status. They will know more when Clayton is done with his

work. Tamara suggested if the abutters find something that may be helpful perhaps they would bring it to the office.

Town Hall Roofing Project Bids: Bruce Whittemore from Capitol Roofing was present. Two bids were received. The Board opened both bids and reviewed them for completeness. The bid from Capitol Roofing was \$38,563.00 and one from Century Roofing was \$14,200.00. Both bids were discussed. The bid from Century seemed to be way off from estimated price the Selectmen had and their presentation did not specifically address all that was spelled out in the RFP. After discussion, Dick moved to award the bid, as written, to Capitol Roofing, with the contingency that the project be approved at town meeting. Motion seconded by Tamara and unanimously approved.

Dick asked Bruce for copies of the receipts of the products used to keep on file for warranty work. The Board currently has filed an insurance claim with IKO for the existing shingles which were to be 30 years shingles and have not held up to that. He had not been able to find a lot of information from that work.

Minutes of January 8, 2018: Motion by Tamara to approve as written, seconded by Dick and unanimously approved. Jim Yager stated he read about a gate being closed in the minutes and questioned how a public road could be gated. Leigh reported School House Road had been discontinued by the town, but a public easement had been maintained for snowmobile and other uses. An abutter threatened to close the gates, which goes against the town's easement. There have been no reports of the gate being closed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget Review – Discussion regarding proposed warrant articles: Tamara and Dick reviewed the discussion following the Budget Committee meeting of January 15th.

Highway Department: Recommendation to move the \$20,000 appropriated in Pete's budget for a chipper purchase to a non-lapsing warrant article funded from the Unreserved Fund Balance (UFB) to allow Pete time to find a used chipper in good condition. Motion by Leigh to appropriate up to \$20,000 for the purpose of a wood chipper, non-lapsing for 3 years, out of the UFB. Motion seconded by Dick and unanimously approved.

Fire Department: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Board agreed on a 3 year loan. Motion by Tamara, second by Dick to approve financing up to \$99,000.00 for three years for the purpose of replacing SCBA for the Fire Department. Motion unanimously passed.

Roofing: Leigh moved to approve up to \$39,000 for the purpose of replacement of the Town Hall Roof, funded from the UFB. Motion seconded by Dick and unanimously approved.

Sand Shed Site Prep: Leigh reported Pete feels more comfortable with an appropriation of \$50,000 for the project. Tamara noted she is uncomfortable that the number keeps going up from when it started at \$20,000 then went to \$43,000 and now \$50,000. Dick also noted

concern. The Board agreed they need more information to support the \$50,000 and felt that a great deal of work can be accomplished with \$43,000 and reassess the status in 2019. Motion by Leigh to appropriate up to \$43,000 for the site project, with funds to come from the UFB. Motion seconded by Tamara and unanimously approved.

Planning and Zoning: Leigh noted there was discussion last week about the Master Plan Update and funding for that and the circuit rider. He does not recall what the outcome was.

Fire and Rescue: Dick reported it has been brought to his attention during the last fire, a volunteer's glasses were broken. Another member's phone was damaged. He would like to see something appropriated to assist volunteers with out of pocket costs of personal property. The Fire Chief would be responsible for approving reimbursement requests. The Board agreed to change 1-4220-127 from mileage reimbursement to reimbursement and increase the appropriation from \$100.00 to \$1500.00.

Eastman Property; Dick noted there is one property in Eastman the town owns that was not acquired through tax deeding and requires town meeting approval before it can be sold. Motion by Dick to recommend a warrant article to move forward with the sale. Motion seconded by Leigh and unanimously approved.

Perched Beach: Board has agreed to recommend engineering for a perched beach in 2018 with no construction until 2019. Many people are in favor of a long-term solution to the erosion problems.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dick reviewed a recent letter in the Intertown Record from a New London Fire Department Member, extending appreciation to the New London Pizza Chef for opening up after hours and preparing and delivering 40 pizzas to the firefighters at the recent Durgin and Crowell fire. Dick stated he would like to extend gratitude from the Town of Springfield to the owners for going out of their way for all those responders assisting the community that night. The Board agreed to increase the line item 1-4130-155 in the budget by \$300.00 and sending a check to Pizza Chef.

Fire Chief, Pete Lacaillade has given a head's up that Upper Valley Communications (Hanover Dispatch) would like to correct and update issues with the repeater on the Deer Hill tower, which often disrupts communications and creates dead space. Hanover will be looking into matching grant funding for this project for 2019. The Town's share will be between \$7,000 and \$12,000.

REPORT from ZONING COORDINATOR. -- Board of Selectmen - Monday, January 22 2018.

We ended the calendar year 2017 with no backlog (that was the goal). The start to 2018 has been slow, to say the least. Here is a summary of Zoning Coordinator activity.

Applications for Permit – Acted upon:

NONE

Applications for Permit PENDING:

NONE

Other Matters.

A. Attended Planning Board meeting/public hearing with respect to amendments to Zoning Ordinance; Definitions – Structure Appendix A1.

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Dick asked if Whit had any contact from Tunis LLC. Whit had not. The Board discussed the implication from the Concerned Vocal Citizen there may be a statute of limitations on the non-compliance. Dick will follow up with legal counsel.

BOARD AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES: Selectboard members reported on their respective boards and departments.

Library: Interviews are in process.

Nothing for Fire or Conservation

Planning Board: The Board moved to pass to warrant article language to clarify definition of structures relative to generators, trailers, and storage trailers.

The Planning Board is interested in organizing an ad hoc committee to look at getting more bandwidth in town. Whit has offered to serve as a volunteer on the committee. Tamara noted, she recently worked with Fairpoint to update internet service at her house and was able to go to from 3 to 7 mgb for \$10.00 more a month, with a remarkable difference in speed. She would like to remind residents of this option if they are experiencing difficulty.

There was no correspondence.

Signatures:

Ricoh Copier lease agreement

Contract for Sansoucy Associates annual appraisal for Springfield Power

Intent to Cut Timber

Miscellaneous Business:

Leigh stated he would like to take the two schoolhouse clocks to a professional to have them serviced and get them running. Cost of the repairs to be covered by donation. Motion by Dick to allow Leigh to take the clocks to be repaired. Motion seconded by Tamara. Dick and Tamara approved. Leigh abstained.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts

Administrative Assistant