

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 29, 2018

MEMORIAL BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

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

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

Others: Whit Smith

Leigh opened the meeting saying that the meeting is going to be restricted to signatures on the two letters and a discussion on why we are sending them out. The meeting may or may not have gotten widespread communication and we don't want to be perceived as talking about anything else other than what the meeting was called for.

There are two letters. One going to the owner of some properties at the end of Woodcrest Road basically saying that this is the second letter and if we don't get a response by February 15th we are going to go for an administrative inspection warrant.

The other letter which was spawned by an email Whit received from the owners attorney's that said the owners were out of the country and they would be happy to sit down with the selectboard when she gets back in the late spring. This board is of the opinion that is unacceptable. This letter is stating to the attorney that the selectboard is no longer interested in a conversation, we just want clearance for Mr. Smith to go on the property and if we don't get it by February the 15th it's going to result in an administrative inspection warrant.

Leigh proceeded to read aloud the letter addressed to Tunis LLC. After reading the first letter, addressed to Tunis LLC, it was decided by Leigh to send a copy to Anthony Lenhart of McSwiney, Hankin-Burke, Wood & Christie, P.C. Jill stepped out of the room to make that edit and reprint the letter for a signature.

Whit states that a choice of words speaks volumes. There are two sentences in the most recent letter that bring it to a level of urgency that the selectboard finds appropriate that they could interpret as somewhat draconian from the town. Dick appreciates Whit pointing out that the word allegations is not a soft term, but you can get to a point here where we don't say anything. Leigh feels the soft letter ended up going nowhere. Leigh now proceeds to read aloud the letter to Attorney Lenhart. The letter was approved by Shawn Tanguay.

Leigh stated that Whit asked if he could have clearance to contact Mr. Lenhart and talk him through where the selectboard is at. Whit agrees we should send a follow-up letter, but feels it should be sweetened up a bit. Leigh has given Whit permission to contact Attorney Lenhart, softly, and give him a heads up of the letter coming.

Dick asked if Whit would like to do a rewrite of the letters to soften them up. Whit does not want to get that deep in to this. The letters are signed and ready to go out in the mail.

Leigh stated if this is a little harsh and Mr. Lenhart takes offense he is welcome to come in and talk to the selectboard about this. Whit is ok with that. The selectboard considers this matter urgent enough that they called a one-off meeting. Whit added that any correspondence he has with Mr. Lenhart in email format he will show Janet Roberts as a carbon copy and blind carbon copy the members of the selectboard.

Tamara read aloud from the first letter and stated that it said nothing in regards to a meeting.

Leigh added we are not interested in a discussion right now, we just want to get on the property.

Dick added that when Whit talks to Mr. Lenhart to make sure that he understands that this has proceeded because of letters from the concerned vocal citizen. The selectboard did not generate this.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jill Hastings
Deputy Administrative Assistant