

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APRIL 23, 2018

MEMORIAL BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

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

The meeting came to order at 4:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen present: Tamara Butcher, Chairman; Dick Hendl, and George McCusker.

Others present: Josh Kershaw, Leigh Callaway, Brandt Denniston, and Whit Smith.

The Board welcomed Josh Kershaw. Josh expressed an interest in serving as Springfield's representative to the Kearsarge School District Municipal Budget Committee. Josh grew up in Springfield and Kearsarge Schools. He has moved back to town and feels it is important for people of his generation to step up and do things in the community. He is employed at Hartford High School and assists his father coaching football for the Newfound School. He is happy to represent Springfield. Leigh, as a former MBC member, thanked him for "stepping up". Motion made by Dick Hendl to recommend Josh to MBC of the Kearsarge School Board. Motion seconded by George and unanimously approved. Dick will be in touch with Doreen Salera at KRSD office with Josh's contact information. Josh and Leigh then left the meeting.

Brandt Denniston sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Springfield Historical Society. The Historical Society has purchased equipment that will allow them to copy, fax, and scan information for parties wishing to research and gather archive information. The museum building is lacking electrical outlets and they would like to request the addition of more. The Selectboard was in favor. Dick will look into getting an electrician. Brandt thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Minutes of April 9, 2018: George moved to accept as written, seconded by Dick and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Tamara reported she has heard nothing new from Lori at Consolidated Communications. The Board agreed further work on permitting for a perched beach should be tabled until the status of the pole is known.

Dick noted a return receipt for the copy of the Tunis LLC notice has been received from their attorney.

The Board reviewed an inquiry as to a 0.25 acre parcel off 4A from the Division of Forests and Lands. The Board has agreed it makes sense to divest of the property and will contact Shawn Tanguay to see what further steps should be taken.

New Business:

The Board reviewed a letter from Susan Chiarella, Chair of the Springfield Garden Club. The Garden Club has several projects they would like to pursue, some of which occur on town-owned property. i.e. pruning shrubbery at the NE side of the Town Hall, clean up and prune in front of the town office and remove the ewe in front of the building and replace with a more attractive shrub in honor of Cynthia Anderson. The marquis at the recreation field needs to be replaced. The Club may be willing to co-fund a replacement of the marquis, and would be willing to contact Peter Mauer for a quote. Some of their projects will require assistance by the Highway Department. The Selectboard discussed and is in favor of the projects proposed. The Board agrees there is a need to improve the signs and would be willing to contribute, depending on the cost. They would also like to know what the plan is for a shrub before it is installed. Dick will contact Susan.

Dick reported he was contacted by Springfield School Board member, Art Bobruff, extending appreciation to Chief Tim Julian for his service during a school bus incident during the snowstorm a week ago. Tim stood by and directed patrol close to three hours, until the bus could be towed. Tamara noted there were questions raised as to why the school district or bus company did not notify parents that the kids were stranded on the bus. Many had cell phones, and were able to contact parents, but some did not. It should have been the district's responsibility to be sure all the kids were accounted for and parents contacted.

REPORT from ZONING COORDINATOR. -- Board of Selectmen - Monday, April 23, 2018.

Here is a summary of permit applications and Zoning Coordinator activity.

Application for Permit – Acted Upon, Approved:

1. Mr. Wendell Richardson, 2255 Bog Rd; Application to build 26' x 40' garage (involves moving an existing shed). There are no set back issues, no wetlands issue, and the structure is less than 35' high. Application reviewed and forwarded to BOS members. APPROVED by Zoning Coordinator pursuant to delegation of authority.

Note: Since the Arc/GIS mapping tool did not accurately depict the parcel, Zoning Coordinator and the land owner walked the side lot line to determine and confirm that location of the garage would not encroach on the side yard setback (35').

Application for Permit PENDING:

NONE

Other Matters.

A. Inquiry regarding repair of dam at outflow from Palazzi Pond:

“...the repairs will essentially repair the dam to the same dimensions, replace the outlet structure (6-foot diameter concrete riser) on the pond side, repair or replace a portion of the pipe through the dam, and remove some sediment from the outlet channel on the downgradient side of the dam. The total wetland impacts will be approximately 2,000 square feet, and we will need a NHDES Wetland Permit. We will also need Shoreland and Dam Reconstruct permits from the NHDES. - Scott A. Williams, P.E., Project Manager

B. Attended Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting

C. Attended Planning Board meeting. Brought to the attention of the Planning Board the deficiencies regarding accuracy of the Arc/GIS Wetlands mapping tool. The general response was that the Arc/GIS tool should be used as a guide. In the event it is not accurate, it is the responsibility of the landowner to provide accurate information with regard to lot location, setback compliance and proximity of wetlands areas.

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Whit reported the application for Wendall Richardson has been processed and is all set to be sent to the owner.

He addressed his concerns about the Arc/GIS maps with the Planning Board. The Planning Board considers the maps as a guide and recognizes there are going to be issues. Identifying properties with issues and cataloging them would be useful for the Planning Board in considering how to pursue updating.

Board and Department Updates:

George reported he attended a Lake Sunapee Protective Association Meeting. They have applied for a grant and are looking to develop a new watershed plan.

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region Planning Commission is pursuing a grant to start a GIS web portal for towns to use.

The Planning Board approved, subject to receipt of a mylar, an annexation for Star Lake Farm to adjust some lot lines.

Dick reported the Library Trustees have hired a Librarian who will be assisting the Library Director.

Notecards for the 250th Celebration have been printed and the Committee will be meeting to decide how to package and price them. Notepads should be ready next week.

Tamara reported the Fire Department met last week and did ice training in Grantham. They denied a request Tamara received from a landowner who wanted them to burn a brush pile stacked in close proximity to a propane tank.

The Highway department has gone to 4 day ten-hour day work weeks.

Saturday, May 5th the Conservation Commission and Garden Club is sponsoring Green-Up day, starting at 9 a.m. Bags and gloves can be picked up at the fire station that morning.

A request was received from the Turning Points Network relative to placement of a “sandwich board” near the town marquis advertising a walk in recognition of domestic violence. The Board made a difficult decision to deny the request. They are not against the cause but are concerned with setting a precedent for other advertising.

Pete Abair dropped off a contract from Pike for paving of Philbrick Hill Road at \$54,780. The Board approved and the contract was signed.

Signatures:

Abatement application for the Village District of Eastman was approved and signed.

Veteran’s Exemption approved for Brooks

Solar Exemption approved for Brooks

Intent to Cut Timber approved for Meadowsend Timber.

Dick reported Capitol Roofing is supposed to begin setting up staging this week, weather permitting.

Meeting adjourned 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant