

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AUGUST 24, 2009

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

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

Present: Selectmen Dave Tucker, Don Hill and John Chiarella; Administrative Assistant Janet Roberts, Health Officer Tom Duling, Police Chief Tim Julian, and residents Mike Hummel and Dennis George.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mike Hummel discussed with the Board his concern that the Zoning Hearing for G.H. Evarts was noticed as an expansion of a wood processing facility. It has been his understanding that this is a kiln drying facility and wonders when did it become more than that. He would be interested in the chronological time-line about what has taken place previously. It was explained that the hearing notice was written based on application information.

Dennis George presented the Selectmen with a petition to reduce the speed limit on Bowman Road from 35 back to 25. A few years ago the speed limit was raised. The center line and edges are not marked, and road width, curve, and sight-distance conditions do not support a 35 mile per hour speed limit. Quite a few people walk around the lake loop and there are no shoulders for pedestrians to get off the road. There is a large increase in through traffic on that road. Statutory requirements for changing speed limits were reviewed. A traffic study will need to be done. The Selectmen told Dennis that they would look into this. Don moved to explore and expedite a change in the speed limit on Bowman road from 35 to 25. The motion was seconded by Dave and unanimously approved. The Selectmen reported that the State is looking into safety issues with the intersection at Four Corners Road.

At 7:30 p.m. The Board voted unanimously to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II (3). The Board voted to seal the non-public minutes.

At 7:45 the Board voted to enter back into public session.

Tom Duling met with the Board to review a building application received from the Bloch's on Main Street. Tom has been to the site and met with the owners. The application was reviewed. The owners are not changing any foot print, and they are not adding any bedrooms. They propose changing interior walls, and may raise the roofline on the house and garage only to better improve on ceiling height of existing rooms since the current home is a 1.75 story salt-box cape. They are not adding rooms. The Selectmen determined that a building permit was not required based on the proposal submitted.

Tom discussed a situation on Shad Hill with the Selectmen. Tom has received a report that a mobile home being used for storage is now being lived in. There are septic plans for the property but the septic has not yet been installed. He has been told septic installation is to begin this week. He also noted that a storage building has been built without a permit. Tom will meet with the property owner.

Minutes: The Board voted unanimously to approve the August 10, 2009 minutes as corrected, making a minor correction of one typo changing the word difference to different.

Lorent Drive. The Board reviewed a complaint from a resident of Lorent Drive. Tim stated he also responded to a complaint regarding unregistered cars. The Selectmen spoke with Tim about the reports of someone living in a storage shed. Tim will look into the situation.

Board and Department Updates:

Police Department: Stop Sign: Tim stated that he met with Bill Lambert and Don King from the State regarding the intersection of Bowman Road and Route 114. They will temporarily change the YIELD sign to a STOP sign. Engineering was done a few years ago to renovate the intersection at the Bowman Road entrance to Four Corners Road. The State DOT proposes renovating that intersection in late 2010 or 2011.

Tim reported to the Selectmen that Mike has paid for the purchase and installation of a repeater for his cruiser. This allows better radio reception in "dead" zones. Tim approved the purchase, as he feels this is a safety issue. The Board discussed the procedure for notification to the Board when something of this nature is being installed in a town-owned vehicle and the process required for acceptance of gifts. The Board questioned whether this is something that should be considered for both cruisers

Planning Board: Don reported the Planning Board has scheduled a series of work sessions to work on updates to the subdivision regulations, roadway regulations, zoning regulations and workforce housing regulations.

Star Lake Properties was present for a continued subdivision hearing. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the roads. The Board discussed the possibility of fire cisterns and sprinkler systems. The Planning Board will look into what other towns have done. Continuing research is being done on the status of the roads within the farm. The next phase is to bring in a plan that will show turn outs for fire and emergency apparatus.

Building Permits: The rough draft of an amended building permit was reviewed by the Planning Board. They have made suggestions as to other questions that might be considered. Building permit fees were briefly discussed. Planning Board members discussed the possibility of sharing an inspector/planning/zoning administrator with another town. They would like to see how other towns handle this position.

Recreation Field: An offer for donation of mesh fencing for the area in front of the basketball court has been received. The Selectmen would like to see what is being offered before they make any decisions. John stated that the Selectmen still need to determine how they want to proceed with the park project.

Personnel Policy Updates:

The Selectmen discussed and approved updates to Vacation Policy.

The Selectmen will look into Sick Time, and definitions for classification of employment for next meeting.

Highway Garage Heating: No update. John will contact Mason.

Highway Garage Engineering: Janet has spoken to Ross. He is putting together a site plan for presentation to the Board and Brad. After the plan is approved, he will work on submitting wetlands applications. The Board would like to invite Ross to their September 14th meeting.

ARRA Funding: John reported he had signed the Town up for notification of ARRA funding that may become available through the State for energy measures. The State has not yet written what the parameters for funding grants may be.

Police Report: Tim returned with a police report following the requested check on Lorent Drive.

Correspondence:

Letter received from Court Appointed Special Advocates requesting a \$500.00 appropriation in the 2010 budget. The Selectmen would like to see how many Springfield residents have been assisted through the program.

The Selectmen voted to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant