

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NOVEMBER 22, 2010

MEMORIAL BUILDING

6:45 P.M.

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

Present: Selectmen, Don Hill, Leigh Callaway, and Chairman John Chiarella.

Also present: Katie Richards from the Intertown Record, Justin Hastings, Bryan O'Day and Police Chief Timothy Julian.

Mr. Follansbee, who was scheduled to meet with the Board at 6:45 p.m. phoned to say that he did not have a ride and would be unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Public Comments: None heard

Scheduled appointments:

Cynthia Bruss and Bob Ruel present on behalf of the conservation commission. The conservation commission has been moving along with review of town property at the northern border with Grafton. A great deal of work has been done on the Brooks Lot. Property boundaries have been reblazed, a cover has been put on the well, and a forest management plan has been prepared. The commission would like to make the property available for hiking trails and other non-motorized uses. Wildlife management areas will be encouraged. The CC is at the point of discussing logging on the Brooks Lot. The lot was last logged in 1987. A licensed forester will oversee the project, and a logger will be hired when they decide to move forward with the project. In addition to reimbursement for the forestry plan, Cynthia asked the Selectmen to consider appropriating some of the funds received from logging toward start-up costs for some of the other forest management projects the conservation commission will be doing. The Selectmen agreed to reimburse for the forestry study but will need more information before a decision can be made regarding future expenses and revenue. Selectmen suggested contacting the road agent to review road impact.

At 7:25 p.m. Selectmen moved to enter into non-public session per RSA 91:A3: Personnel.

At 7:45 p.m. the Selectmen voted unanimously to seal the non-public minutes and enter back into public session.

Travis Morcom met with the board to discuss a notice regarding delinquent property taxes. Discussion followed regarding arrangements for payment. He will also review options with his mortgage company.

Minutes: The minutes of November 8, 2010 were unanimously approved as written.

Old Business:

Discussion regarding complaints relative to annual inventory of property form (PA-28). The Selectmen noted that obligations and penalties are applied as per State of New Hampshire Statutory Provisions under RSA 74. Selectmen reviewed issues that have been raised. The Selectmen noted they are not in a position to waive penalties. Receipt of filing is the responsibility of the property owner.

Town Buildings: Discussion regarding town property maintenance. Don and Leigh will do a walk-through of town property with Brad on Thursday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Board and Department Updates:

Don reported the Planning Board has reviewed changes for definitions in the ordinance. The Planning Board is working on regulations for workforce housing as required by state statute. The Board is considering a workforce housing overlay district. Workforce housing is encouraged in areas near schools, shopping and public services.

John reported the Fire Department has information regarding improvements in turn-out gear. They will be researching the feasibility of replacing old gear with the newer apparatus as part of their annual equipment replacement program.

Correspondence:

Board received a copy of an Application for Temporary Groundwater Discharge for Springfield Power.

Septic Plan: Selectmen reviewed a plan for a replacement septic system for an existing home on Lake Kolelemook. After review of the ordinance, the Selectmen determined the plan meets setback requirements. The new system greatly improves existing conditions.

Code Red: Code Red emergency notification service is now being offered through Hanover Dispatch. Selectmen reviewed Hanover's ability to support local emergency services with notification in the event of an emergency. The Selectmen unanimously voted to transfer the participation with New London to Hanover Dispatch.

There will be a meeting with New London Hospital personnel and participating towns regarding costs for ambulance service on Monday, November 29 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the New London Town Office.

Capitol Alarm notification list was reviewed.

Tim Julian, Police Chief, requested the Selectmen consider changing the road names for Hazzard Road North and South. These names are too similar and cause continued confusion with emergency dispatching and response. The names Hazzard Road and Greeley Road were discussed. A hearing will be scheduled to begin the renaming process.

Don noted that house numbering needs to follow guidelines as per the ordinance specifications. Non-standard and creative numbering may result in delays during emergency response.

A Recent article in Town and City publication prompted a brief discussion regarding perambulation. The Selectmen noted some town lines still need to be perambulated.

John noted the library trustees will have a public meeting to discuss kindergarten safety issues on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectman's office.

Leigh reviewed the recent Municipal Budget Committee meeting. Leigh discussed the suggestion of a \$1 million dollar reduction in the school budget. Selectmen discussed concerns regarding impact to Springfield kindergarten-aged students if the school board votes to close the kindergarten. Other options were briefly discussed.

Roads Scholar Level 3 Certification received for Brad Butcher. Recognition for this achievement will be forwarded to Brad.

Signatures:

Building permit approved and signed

Capitol Alarm contracts approved and signed for revision of alarm notifications for all buildings to one dispatching center.

Abatements were approved to the tax collector for penalties erroneously applied for inventory forms that were returned prior to the April 15 deadline.

The Selectmen discussed impending tax deeds. Selectmen will meet Wednesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. with Cynthia Anderson, Tax Collector to review the delinquent tax payment list.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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