

**September 25, 2012**  
**Selectmen's Meeting/Approved Minutes**

Present: Selectmen: R.P. McGinnity Chairman, A. Richards, C. Moser & A.A. Milkovits  
Also present: Deputy Treasurer Garth Fletcher

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall for the Conservation Commission presentation. After the presentation, the meeting was continued at the Mann House. The check manifest was reviewed and approved.

**Agenda:**

**Appointments:**

1. Conservation Commission presentation: Mason Quarry Project. Present: Conservation Commission, George & Catherine Schwenk and town residents. Con Com member Dillberger narrated a power point presentation on the Mason Quarry project. George Schwenk, principal of the Mason Quarry, LLC, lots E-26 & E-27, has offered the quarry (lots E-26 & E-27) to the Town as a gift. The Con Com has been working with Ian McSweeney from the Russell Foundation and the SPNHF to acquire and protect these properties. Mr. Dillberger explained the importance of acquiring and protecting the properties; the historical significance, recreational possibilities, abutting other town properties, etc. The Con Com makes a recommendation for those lots and the adjacent town lots (six lots in all) to be combined into one easement to be held by SPNHF. Mr. Dillberger explained reasons for this recommendation: easier to set up, monitor, protect, etc. He also discussed the legal and financial implications: cost to town – about \$300 loss in tax revenue, cost to Con Com – title search cost and SPNHF monitoring fund of \$10,000, payable in installments, etc. The presentation ended with the Con Com requesting that the Selectmen accept the land gift of the quarry lots at the appropriate public hearing and that the Selectmen also authorize the Con Com to continue with the easement plans for the six parcels. However the final approval for the easement will be voted at Town Meeting. There was more discussion and general questions concerning the procedure to merge the six lots. Chairman McGinnity thanked the Conservation Commission for their presentation. And then made a motion to authorize the Conservation Commission to proceed with the easement plans. This was seconded and voted in the affirmative by the Selectmen. A second motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Selectmen to hold a public hearing for the acceptance of the gift of the quarry lots.
2. Peggy Gilmour, State Senate candidate for District 12 made a courtesy call to the Board to discuss the redistricting and other issues. She spoke of the reasons that she is running for office: concern for the NH economy and constraints on the state budget. The Selectmen expressed their concern for the state budget constraints that are passed on to the municipalities to absorb in their budgets. They spoke of the frustration of the state presenting a near balanced budget while the municipalities have to raise their budgets to cover the areas that the state no longer covers, such as the Retirement System and the reduced Highway Block Grant and the elimination of the Shared Revenue. Selectmen recommended that the state legislators should hold “town meeting” type forums at the smaller towns not just at Nashua and Manchester. Mrs. Gilmour assured the Selectmen that if

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she wins the position that she will remember the towns that she represents and their concerns.

**Selectmen reviewed the following:**

**Old Business:**

1. Re: Minutes – Selectmen Meeting minutes from September 11, 2012 were approved as amended.
2. Re: Issue of Level 3 Sex Offender visiting the Mason Public Library – copy of letter from Library Trustees to School Superintendent. Letter restated the Library policy to serve the needs of the entire community. The Trustees understand that when the Mason students are visiting the library, the boundaries of the school extend to the Mason Library. Attorney Drescher had inquired whether the Selectmen wanted him to further research this issue. However since this is primarily between the School and the Library, the Selectmen have halted the research.
3. Re: Written opinion from Attorney Drescher on the procedure for the concealed carry permit revocation. A copy of this opinion has been given to Police Chief Hutchins for his review.
4. Re: Written opinion from Attorney Drescher for the procedure for dog license penalties and the question of the Clerk issuing waivers.
5. Re: Written opinion from Attorney Drescher on the procedure for funds received by the Recreation Commission for events. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.
6. Re: Wetlands violation on lot K-3 – letter from DES acknowledges the final monitoring report of the property at 849 Valley Road. All conditions have been corrected and the enforcement file is now closed.
7. Re: 2012 RTP Preliminary approval for the Mason RR Trail – copy of email from Con Com member Liz Fletcher to Megan DeNutte, NH DRED with responses to requests for the town's vendor number and the positive review by the Natural Heritage Bureau of the project. The last step before full approval is the NH Historical Preservation Office review.
8. Re: BTLA Settlement- Gavin – signed agreements as submitted to the BTLA. Case is closed.
9. Re: Timber Tax Bond for Ruggiero – received \$746.63 for the timber tax bond for Intent # 12-293-10. Selectmen signed the Intent. Mr. Ruggiero also sent in a copy of the logger's State of NH Apportioned registration to prove that the weight of the vehicle used for the logging operation is less than 80,000 pounds. Therefore no road bond is required.
10. Re: Request for road bond for Intent # 12-293-09 – received \$3,500 road bond for logging project on Abbott Hill Road.
11. Re: RFP Assessor consideration: Todd Hayward, Granite Hill. Mr. Hayward's references were contacted and almost all gave favorable responses: "highly skilled", "thorough", "very articulate", "timely completed work", "non-confrontational". Mr. Hayward will meet with the Selectmen on October 9<sup>th</sup> for further discussion.

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12. Re: Welfare application – applicants have submitted a request for a Fair Hearing to dispute the denial of their welfare application. Selectmen have appointed C. Christopher Guiry DMD as the Fair Hearing's Officer. The hearing will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 4:30 PM at the Mann House.

**New Business:**

1. Payment received for sale of Dresser Loader: \$10,100. This item and one of the oldest sanders have been sold on EBay by Road Agent Greenwood.
2. MS-4
3. Building Permit # 12-27 Rolfe, lot G-42, electrical update
4. Letter from A. Stauble requesting 90 day appeal for his timber tax, Operation #11-293-13. DRA will be contacted on the procedure for an appeal to a timber tax. Then a hearing will be scheduled with the Selectmen for Mr. Stauble to present his case.
5. From Joint Loss Committee to all committees and departments using the Mann House for meetings: Order warning against using the fire extinguisher for a doorstep due to possible explosive nature of the extinguishers, if bumped.
6. From Joint Loss Committee to Conservation Commission: Request to phase in combination locks at RR Trail to replace keyed locks. This will be much more efficient for emergency workers to unlock the gates.
7. Minutes from Board of Adjustment: April 18, July 16 and 18 meetings
8. Minutes from Conservation Commission: September 12 meeting.
9. Copy of receipt from Rte. 31 Money for Metals for sale of Highway scrap metal: \$263.30. Check for metals will be sent to the town by the first week in October.
10. Police logs
11. School Facilities Use Application: Selectmen applied for the use of the Community Room at the school for the general elections on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. The application was approved. The custodian will be contacted on what the cost will be for using the facility.
12. Response from Cemetery Sexton Wallace Brown that his back-up Sexton is Jeannine Phalon. Other questions arose over the functions and duties of the Cemetery Trustees and disbursements of funds for burials. After more discussion, it was decided that Robert Larochelle, Chairman of the Cemetery Trustees will be invited to the October 9<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's meeting to discuss these issues.
13. Other:
  - Selectmen will discuss setting a policy for the use of the Gazebo at the next meeting.
  - Discussion on safety issues of parents and children leaving the school. Some of the children leaving the school after Pre-School have been running across Darling Hill Road without any parental attention. A memo will be sent to the Superintendent to ask him to remind parents to watch their children when leaving the school and crossing the road.
  - Other correspondence

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Selectmen signed the following:

- Appointment papers for Bryan Herrin and Joshua Garfinkle as permanent fire fighters/Mason Fire Department.
- Petition & Pole License Petitions for 3 poles on Valley Road.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Milkovits

Administrative Assistant