

May 27, 2014
Selectmen's Meeting/Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen: Chairman, C. Moser, B. O'Grady, L. Lavoie, & A.A. Milkovits
Tr. P. Letourneau, Dep. Tr. Fletcher, TC Morrison, Dep. TC Kelly
15 residents were present.

Agenda:

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM. The check manifest and payroll manifests were reviewed and approved. Minutes from Selectmen's meeting, May 13, 2014 were reviewed. The Selectmen voted to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes from May 13, 2014 as amended.

Minutes from Highway Department meeting on May 16, 2014 were accepted as written.

Appointments:

1. Pat Letourneau, Treasurer, came in to discuss transferring the town's money from the NH PDIP accounts to Money Market accounts in People's United Bank. Mrs. Letourneau explained how the two accounts compare. Money may be invested in either of the accounts, however, according to Mrs. Letourneau; there is a fee for transfer in and out of the NH PDIP account. Mrs. Letourneau stated that there would be the ease of transferring money with the people's Money Market accounts, as it could be done right on the computer with no additional fees charged. It is more inconvenient for the treasurer transferring money in the NH PDIP accounts as there is more paperwork, faxing and phone calls for each transaction. She reassured the Con Com members present that separate accounts for their investments could also be established in the People's Money Market accounts. There were also some questions on whether funds held in the NH PDIP are fully insured. After more discussion, the Selectmen decided to review all pertinent statutes concerning municipal investing, and also the town's investment policy. They will make a recommendation to the treasurer by the next meeting, regarding the transfer of the town's funds.
2. Mrs. Letourneau recommended that the Selectmen appoint Mary Bardsley, Briggs Road as the new Deputy Treasurer as Garth Fletcher, former Deputy, has resigned from the position.
3. Bob Lipin and Evelyn Ellis, Scripps Lane met to discuss their intention to gift lot E-30-5 and an additional lot. Conservation Commission members were also present for this discussion. Mr. Lipin read from an email that he had sent to Chairman Moser and the Conservation Commission describing lot E-30-5 and the restrictions, including enforcement that Lipin and Ellis would place on the property if it's accepted. Mr. Lipin explained that their intention is to continue to donate land to the Conservation Commission. He also stated that the Con Com understands the value of the property. Last lot on right hand side of Scripps Road and last lot on left hand side and may continue to donate land. E-30-5: enforce (see email). The gift is given to preserve the land for perpetuity. Chairman Moser spoke about what an attractive offer Lipin and Ellis are making as the lot is abutting conservation land but he expressed a concern for the conditions. Chairman Moser is in the process of developing an ordinance for the use of the quarry with a Con Com member. After more discussion, the Selectmen recommended that Mr. Lipin and Ms. Ellis work with the Con Com on their

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proposal for the land gift. The Board thanked them for their offer and encouraged them to move forward.

4. Robert Doyle, Townsend Road met to request that the Board establish an animal control ordinance. He stated that he is not asking for a leash law (which failed when voted at town meeting several years ago) but an ordinance that would have the expectation of keeping a dog under the owner's control. He would like to be able to walk and run freely throughout the town and not be bothered by dogs. A dog needs to be under the immediate control of its owners. He suggested fines for violations. Police Chief Hutchins was present for this discussion and gave some answers to this issue. He suggested education of dog owners so that they clearly understand their responsibilities. Chief Hutchins stated that the PD will deal with all dog issues and enforcement as there are state laws dealing with nuisance, and vicious animals. Any dog or other animal complaints need to go to the Police Department. He also recommended that Mr. Doyle could see what other towns have done for "dog laws". The Selectmen suggested that Mr. Doyle could try drafting up an animal control ordinance for their review and consideration.
5. Paula Babel, Mary and Alan Wolfe of Hurricane Hill Road, came in to discuss town employee retirement benefits. Mrs. Babel had questions about health insurance for employee benefits at retirement. At present, employees having 20 consecutive years working for the town receive continuing health insurance coverage upon their retirement. This is so stated in the town personnel policy. Mrs. Babel and the Wolfes feel that this policy is too costly for the taxpayers and needs clarification. After more discussion, the Selectmen stated that they would be reviewing and clarifying the policy. The level of insurance will be determined by review of prior policy decisions.

Selectmen reviewed the following:

Old Business:

1. Personnel Update; A motion was made, seconded and approved in the affirmative to enter into a non-public session for a personnel issue at 10:00 PM. Present: Selectmen, Police Chief Hutchins and A.A. Milkovits. Session ended at 10:13 PM. Minutes were sealed in perpetuity.
Second session began at 10:15 PM but was not voted. Present: Selectmen, Police Chief Hutchins and A.A. Milkovits. Discussion on letter received from attorney concerning Mrs. Milkovits' retirement.

Selectmen signed the following:

1. Property Liability Trust, Inc. – renewal confirmation for FY 2015-2016: approved and signed by the Chairman.
2. Intents to Cut: #14-293-09 Fifield, lot D-10, #14-293-10 Milbury, lot E-78 (requires a timber bond for \$273.95), #14-293-11 Garside, lot L-35/33, #14-293-12 Doonan, lot K-1 and letters to request road bonds.
3. Appointment of Patricia A. Greene as Trustee of Trust Funds for one year – Mrs. Greene met with the Board and gave them a background on her experiences. The

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Board explained the work of the trustee of the trust funds as: going to training, managing the investment of trust funds, and working with the other trustees. A motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative to accept the nomination of Mrs. Greene as Trustee of the Trust Funds.

4. Re-appointment of Kenneth E. Greene as Republican Ballot Clerk, 3 year term.
5. Re-appointment of Mark McDonald and Lee Ann Currier to the Planning Board.
6. Replacement culvert permit – Pratt Pond.
7. NRPC renewal contract – The contract for the Planning Assistant was approved, before signing.

New Business:

1. 2014 Property Tax Warrant, part one, for \$2,006,718, was signed by Selectmen.
2. Road Agent – job description: Selectmen will review material and determine the description and criteria of the work before advertising the road agent position.
3. Assignment of MS-5 & bank monthly reconciliations: It was decided that the Administrative Assistant will do these.
4. Zoning complaint: 849 Valley Road, lot K-3 – possible business under the name of Sunny Valley Farm, owner Shane Robinson – It does not appear that Mr. Robinson is running the business there.
5. Other:
 - From Conservation Commission: letter describing offer from Dorie and Jim French to accept lot C-27, 15 acres owned by them, in memory of Charlie Crathern, former long-time Town Clerk of Mason. The property is land locked; abutting land formerly of Bronson Potter, on Greenville Road. Selectmen agreed to start the process for the acceptance. Con Com should find boundaries and report their findings back to Selectmen.
 - Requests from Highway Department for spending over \$1,000 limit policy: paving contract from Brox, purchasing magnesium flakes, scheduling backhoe brake work, and purchasing gasoline – tabled.
 - Police logs
 - Building Permits: #14-09 Lieberman, lot B-1, septic repair; #14-10 Archambault, lot J-69-6 Addition; #11-14 Firth lot H-50-1 new house
 - State septic approval- Lieberman, lot B-1
 - Calphams – abatement question– call Todd Haywood about abatement.
 - From resident: proposal for tax payment agreement - \$20,000 then \$400 per month until balance of taxes owed is paid off by the end of the year. Resident will make that plan provided that the town does not take any action to take his house by tax deed. The approval for this agreement was tabled until resident meets with the Selectmen, personally, to discuss the agreement.
 - From PSNH: 2014 Temporary Pole Attachment Agreement – this will be sent to Wally Brown, grounds maintenance to fill out.
 - From HealthTrust: 2014 Flu Vaccine Program Application –tabled.
 - Health Alerts
 - Thank you to Stephen Hoffman for attending Broadband conference and sending information about the meeting. Selectmen will invite Mr.

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Hoffman to come to the June 24th meeting when Ellen Scarponi of FairPoint and State Representative Melanie Levesque will attend the Selectmen's meeting to discuss Broadband access.

6. Other correspondence: email concerning Broadband access from school aide Kelly Sirois; email from Peggy Gilmore: kudos to town website; D.E.S. open water; letter from TDS Telecom requesting parcel data. They will be referred to the Tax Kiosk and tax maps.
7. Letter from Superintendent concerning opening the school building on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings for use by town-wide organizations, free of charge. A thank you will be sent to the School Board and Superintendent for this spirit of cooperation.
8. Received inquiries concerning rental of the town hall for an anniversary party. More details are needed on the party; whether there will be alcohol served, etc. A call will be made to determine the details.
9. Public Forum: Resident expressed concern for speed on roads especially with bicyclists on narrow roads. Un-posted speed in rural areas is usually 35 mph, according to Police Chief. Resident would like to have the speed further reduced. Chief Hutchins is concerned for the lack of a stop sign on Pratt Pond. Perhaps a "Warning - Intersection Ahead" sign could be erected to stop vehicles from driving right through the intersection.

After further complaints from some residents, Selectmen will authorize the Highway Department to move the rocks from the intersection of Wilton Road and Russell Road, and Russell and Starch Mill Roads. Chairman expressed concern for the possible "widening" of that intersection without the rock barrier. The final consensus of the Board was to remove the rocks and leave the intersection unmarked.

Wolfgang Millbrandt had a concern for snow on stone walls and felt that the winter plowing may have destroyed walls and moved other areas; also may have partially buried a stone wall. Selectmen did not specify any action to be taken on this matter.

Public session meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara L. Milkovits
Administrative Assistant