



Selectmen Meeting 8/8/2017

Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Bernie O'Grady, Charles Moser; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley; members of the public.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Louise at 7:30 PM. There was a moment of silence in honor of George Schwenk, who passed away on Aug 7, 2017.

Approvals:

- Noted that Payroll and Accounts Payable Manifests had both been signed.
- Minutes of the July 18, 2017 BOS meeting, both public and non-public portions were reviewed. Charlie motioned to accept the minutes as written, Bernie seconds, 2 votes to accept minutes of 7/18/17 as written.
Minutes of the July 25, 2017 BOS meeting, both public and non-public sessions, were reviewed. Bernie motioned, second by Charlie, to accept both sets of minutes as written. 3 votes to accept minutes of 7/25/17 as written.
- Census 2020 participation request form was reviewed; packet of information will be reviewed at a later time.
- Request for written approval of roofing finish verbally agreed upon for the highway department building had been made by the builder; this agreement was signed by all selectmen.

New Business:

- Todd Haywood, assessor, had suggested Mason update their pole license agreement with Fairpoint, PSNH, etc. He sent templates for re-writing that agreement. Selectmen agreed that should happen, and scheduled a public hearing for the Sept 12, 2017 meeting. That hearing will be properly noticed.
- ZBA decision regarding the Greenwood exception was reviewed. There was concern amongst BOS members regarding the language in the exception, particularly concerning possible confusion of license to rent vs rental agreement. Bob Bergeron, ZBA member, clarified that the ZBA was looking for a future possible issue with non family member rental. Louise will bring the question of who authorizes a license for rental back to the Planning Board. Charlie will be in conversation with ZBA regarding the fact that they do not need to address rental in granting the exception requested.
- Highway Grant from SB38 – Hearing to accept those funds will be August 22, 2017 at 8:00. Posted and noticed in 8/15 Ledger. Louise will update the 5 year plan with what has been done vs planned, and will need clarification as to what these special funds can be used for. Agreement that a work meeting dedicated to this would be most helpful; date of Aug 15, 2017 at 7:30 was agreed upon. Louise will post that meeting. Deb Morrison suggested that BOS consider adding the highway fee, an optional \$5 fee added to registrations that would go directly for roads within the town. This would need to be put to vote at Town Meeting. BOS will consider that.

- BOS office had received an inquiry from a property owner regarding a particular lot being buildable or not. The lot in question was established in 1950, 1.6 acres, with no (residential) use established at the time. Discussion concluded that, according to zoning regulations, the lot itself is grandfathered, but the use cannot change without at least a variance and ability to conform to current setback requirements. Louise will draft a response to the property owners.
- Signatories for Town Trust Fund accounts – Charlie motioned that Dorothy Mitchell and Dorothy Minor, both Trustees of the Trust Funds, be added as signatories to all accounts. Bernie seconded, three votes to add those trustees, letter authorizing the Bank to do so was signed by all selectmen.

Old Business:

- Grant writing assistance proposal from Municipall, for grant assistance with the Sunny Valley Schoolhouse and Town Hall renovations, had been reviewed by selectmen. It was noted that there was nothing in the budget this year to cover this expense, but that the next grant cycle will be open until May, 2018 so a warrant article in March may be timely. The websites of potential funding sources should be looked at, see if there is anything the town can do to prepare information for the grant writer. Town of Temple was also mentioned as a resource as they have recently redone their Town Hall. Brenda will contact Temple resources, Kathy will check back in with Municipall particularly regarding time line.
- Personal Mobility Device policy update – the Conservation policy language is best incorporated into the existing Rail Trail ordinance. The public hearing will be Sept 12, 2017, at 8:30 PM. This will be posted and noticed appropriately.

Informational Items/Communication:

- DOT had sent a letter estimating the Highway Block Grant to be approximately \$10,000 greater than last year's amount. This is separate from the special grant funds.

Public Forum:

- Deb Morrison asked about a system of stickers for residents for parking at Scripp's Lane. Selectmen replied they thought that a good plan, would be available through the Town Clerk's office, and be available once the parking area was established. Dave Morrison reported that the HD had installed 8 "No Parking" signs along Scripp's Lane that day.
- Barbara Devore reported that Officer Prescott had seen a mountain lion crossing Merriam Hill Rd, but was unable to capture a photograph.
- Harry Spear asked if the work meeting regarding the HD was an open meeting – it will be.
- Another question regarding the "new road" off of Townsend Rd. Selectmen replied it was an access road, done with a permit, no subdivision or building to be done.

Non-Public:

- At 8:43 PM Charlie motioned to enter non-public session by reason of RSA-A:3, IIa regarding "the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee". Roll call vote was unanimous to enter non-public session.

- Public session reconvened at 9:21 PM. Motion made by Charlie, second by Bernie, to seal the minute because it was determined that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the board. Roll call vote to seal the minutes was unanimous.

Adjourned:

- Louise motioned to adjourn at 9:22 PM, second from Charlie, unanimous vote to adjourn.

Next meeting will be posted for Aug 15, 2017 at 7:30 PM at Mann House for work session regarding highway grant money.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 22, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant