



Selectmen Meeting 4/24/2018  
Approved Minutes

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

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bernie at 7:30 PM.

**Approvals:**

- Noted that accounts payable and payroll manifests were signed.
- Minutes of 4/10/2018 were reviewed. Charlie motioned, second from Louise, to approve the minutes as written. Three votes to accept minutes of 4/10/2018 as written, three votes to accept minutes of 4/10/2018 as written.
- A form from DOS authorizing Kathy Wile from BOS office, and Fred Greenwood Fire Chief to act as liaisons for E9-1-1 Data Operations. Reviewed by selectmen, signed by Bernie as BOS Chair on behalf of the Board.
- An abatement application anticipated for signing was not yet complete, will be ready for signing at the next meeting.
- A Report of Timber cut had been processed by assessor, warrant for timber tax reviewed and signed by selectmen.
- Two applications for veteran credit from the surviving spouse of both were reviewed and signed by selectmen.
- Current use application was reviewed, noted to be complete with good map, and signed by selectmen.

**New Business:**

- Nicole Ruggiero was present to request a letter from Selectmen for the NH Liquor Commission to approve the application for a liquor license for the Driving Range. Short discussion about timing of the final site plan approval for the expanded alcohol area/stage approval and the season opening. Language of the letter stated “as long as sales and consumption remain consistent with the zoning special exception and site plan approval applicable to the premises”, meaning the existing site plan until the expanded plan is officially approved after Memorial Day. Two copies of the letter were signed by all selectmen.
- A letter of complaint from a resident of Russell Rd had been received concerning the condition of the road, specifically issues of dust, reduced property values due to the road being dirt instead of pavement, and a request that the warrant article passed at Town meeting be used to repave Russell Road. Discussion about those concerns, a suggestion that a request for a special warrant article be put on next year’s warrant for paving that specific road, led to conclusion that Bernie will draft a letter of response to the residents, and email to other selectmen.
- Lot H-39 was discussed, both as potential as a building lot and excavation requirements that might apply to proposed removal of substantial amounts of sand in order to put in a septic system. Selectmen agreed it was a non-conforming lot and possibility of getting either a

variance from ZBA or lot line adjustment through PB were both suggested. Charlie will draft a letter to the property owner and address both non-conforming status and excavation requirements.

### **Old Business:**

- A letter of concern had been received and discussed at the last meeting (4/10/18) regarding a property becoming a junkyard. All selectmen had been by the property, and all agreed they were also concerned by the number of vehicles, parts of vehicles and oil drums evident on the property. Bernie will have a conversation with the property owner, and selectmen will follow up with a letter if needed. A letter of response will be sent to the person who filed the complaint.
- Conversation on letter of request concerning Lot K-21 led quickly to the conversation regarding sale of town owned land in general. Charlie said he had had a conversation with Town Attorney Bill Drescher, who said sale of town-owned, tax deeded properties is very complex. The sale of K-21 may or may not have been done correctly, but that under current regulations, sale of town owned properties need to be either open to the public, or done with special permission of the town through a town meeting. Selectmen agreed that holding on to town owned properties at this time would be the best course of action for the town. Short or no return in the long run on such sales, along with an interest in maintaining open space for public enjoyment were among the reasons for the decision.
- Welfare guidelines – this topic will be continued to the next meeting.
- Highway Department building – Louise asked if this can be returned to agenda as a regular point of discussion as the process moves forward. She reported that 2 full sized sets of plans had been done, one of which is currently in the HD office, the other in the BOS office. More can be ordered if needed.

Bernie reported the excavation work was nearly done – even with the unexpected encounter and subsequent drilling of ledge, that aspect of the project is still under budget.

Louise will update the spreadsheet that Brenda is keeping of contractors/payments.

Bernie said the concrete will be poured in 4 installments, and will work with the concrete company to make only 2 payment instead of 4 to help with the check writing/approving/signing process. It should all be accomplished over a 2 week window, and he will update Brenda about dates/amounts for checks.

Charlie will get the contract prepared.

Both the excavation and foundation contractors have been asked for proposals for the FD addition work, and will get those numbers back to BOS as separate jobs from the HD one.

### **Informational Items/Communication:**

#### **Public Forum:**

- Harry Spears said the progress at the HD site looks good, the crew working quickly and neatly. He noted the drainage system was progressing quickly, with little standing water there.
- It was requested/suggested that there should be status updates posted on the website, including pictures, to keep residents up to date on the progress. Bob will continue taking

pictures which Louise will download and share with the webmaster for posting. Further suggested by Nancy Richards that a photo album be made for sharing.

- Tax Collector Deb Morrison said a property owner in town had been in and paid off all property taxes due, for a total of approximately \$31,000. She also said she had had an inquiry from a person asking if the Bronson Potter land off of Old Ashby Rd was open for hunting, and could they do archery practice there as well. Selectmen agreed that he should direct his inquiries to Conservation Commission, as they manage that property.

**Non-Public:**

**Adjourned:**

- There being no further business, Bernie motioned, second by Louise, to adjourn the meeting. Three votes to adjourn at 8:41 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:30 at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Wile  
Administrative Assistant