

# Selectboard Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Location:** Town Offices      **Date:** April 16, 2015

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**Meeting Opened:** 7:00 pm      **Meeting Adjourned:** 9:30 pm

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Jay Jacobs, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Charles Michal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Andrew Maneval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Selectmen received a written proposal/contract from All States Asphalt of Sunderland MA. Plan is to be complete by middle of August at the latest. Start will be soon after our Highway Department completes necessary culvert work, and one lane is to remain open at all times. This phase of the project is not affected by final decisions regarding traffic calming design elements. Selectboard unanimously approved the contract and Jay Jacobs signed the contract for \$101,475.

Selectmen met with Shane Long who wished guidance from the Selectboard regarding his efforts to make business use of the Aldworth Manor property. Charles recused himself from the discussion, as his firm has a contractual relationship with Mr. Long. Mr. Long stated that the Planning Board's January meeting minutes show that the Planning Board sent to him to the Zoning Board, and one or more members had suggest that the activities he wished to undertake were possible through a Special Exception. Shane Long stated he was feeling a little like he was being sent back and forth between land use boards without resolution or clear guidance. Andrew had been at Zoning meeting and noted that tourist home use was available. The issues of a Special Exception may revolve around the nature of how the Zoning Board treats subcontracted services with respect to the prohibition against more than 2 non-resident employees. Jay Jacobs noted that other Mike Wilder's business was one where there are more than 2 employees, but that it was understood that those employees worked off-site, at various customers' properties. Both Jay and Andrew encouraged Shane to continue with his plans within the limitations of directly employed staff not exceeding 2 non-family member, and to return to the Zoning Board with a proposal for a Special Exception.

Selectmen met with Alan Saari, who had last been before the Board two weeks ago. He reported that he had since found there is no prohibition from posting political literature in a public building. He also stated his main agenda then and now, was that in his opinion the Town needs a new library. He had attempted to attend the Library Trustees meeting at 5:30 pm, the time posted in the Town Report. He found that the meeting had already been held, and was frustrated by lack of public notice. Jay suggested that he contact the Chair and asked to be put on a future agenda. Selectmen agreed that the Library Trustees needed to be reminded to better adhere to regulations concerning public posting and public meetings. He believes the building should be a Town owned property. He considers the Blake House and the open lot below Heri Tryba's as possible candidates. He also proposes that a new library contain a secured and isolated section for Town archives.

## **Documents signed and reviewed:**

Review of Weekly Financials

Vachon & Clukay – Charles reviewed and signed the 2014 Audit journal entry approval form .

Primex – 2016 Property and Liability will be at least \$1,600 higher than 2015.

## **Department Items:**

Selectmen: Andrew reports no interest yet with respect to the solicitation for a secretary.

Assessing – Selectmen signed a Notice of Intent to Excavate for Robert Ervin located on 613 NH Route 137 (Map-10, Lot-6).

Highway Department - Wes Tarr reports that Sunset Hill, a class V road that is closed to winter traffic, has been damaged by private plowing and traffic. Selectmen will ask the parties responsible to come in to discuss the situation.

Conservation Commission – submitted Draft Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2015 and Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2015

Historic Harrisville – Selectmen would like HHI representatives to meet with the Select Board regarding 119 Main Street on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Charles will be gone after May 12<sup>th</sup>. HHI may have a conflict with early May. Angela is asked to inquire.

Memorial Day Service– May 24<sup>th</sup> – Memorial; Service at 11am. Rodger is requesting that Jay lay the wreathes that Sunday morning, one in the water and two wreathes at the monuments. Charles or Jay will do this. (Angela is requested to remind the Selectmen as Memorial day approaches.)

Planning Board –submitted Draft Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2015 and April 13, 2015.

Recycling Center – The Solid Waste Manager for the Town of Swanzey is offering crushed glass for fill or drainage. Selectmen will ask our Highway Department to pick up a load.

Town Clerk – Selectmen signed the Oath of Office for James Porter to serve a one year term on the Safety Committee

Town Website – Sarah Kendall submitted a suggested RFP for services to improve the Town Website . Selectemen approved the language and will have Angela have this posted in the Keene Sentinel and the Peterborough Transcript.

**Other Business:**

Eversource – the utility has notified customers that they will change meter technology .

**Upcoming Meetings:**

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – NH DES Dam Bureau will host a Public Hearing at the Harrisville Town Offices to discuss the Seaver Road Dam replacement project . The Hearing will be held at 6pm. (May 4<sup>th</sup> – Seaver Road Closed)

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Memorial; Service at 11am

May 25<sup>th</sup> -- Town Office closed

May 29<sup>th</sup> – NH DOT items need to be completed

July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fireworks!!!

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> – Old Home Day Weekend

July 5<sup>th</sup> – Town Office Closed