

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Town Offices Date: May 15, 2014

Meeting Opened: 7:00 PM Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 PM

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

Met with Town Clerk Donna Stone and Bob Collinsworth to discuss Town' Clerks IT equipment needs driven by changes in State standards. (State only wants Windows 7 or later operating systems on computers that interact with State sites.) Selectmen agreed that a new laptop should be purchased and the Selectmen's laptop should be upgraded to Windows 7. The Board and Donna will then decide how to best allocate the resources among all users.

Met with Rails to Trails representative Barbara Watkins to coordinate planned volunteer clearing and cutting at rail road crossing below Skatutakee. Group hopes to have a pedestrian bridge over waterway by Summer's end.

Met with Winston Sims, Chair of the Conservation Commission. Winston requested opinions regarding Conservation Commission activities. Jay stated he was totaling against CC expenditures intended to further document or map wetlands, stating he was confident we had the resources necessary to protect wetlands. Winston stated he regretted that the Selectmen had not attended meetings with Rick Vanderpoll, a wetlands consultant. He stated that in the future if there are concerns and questions he hopes members of the Selectboard will communicate them to him and his board.

Met with Allan Saari who complained that his statement at the prior Selectmen's meeting that a past claim by Seth Kallman that the Recycling Center income had been \$30,000 was incorrect had not been entered into the Selectmen's minutes. Seth apologized to Allan if his statement was not an accurate reporting of facts. Allan remains of the opinion that the Town should privatize the waste management and recycling functions, and believes the Selectmen are non-responsive to his concerns.

Reviewed Items:

Reviewed Weekly Financials including statement of operating account balances as of 5/15/2014 provided by Treasurer.

Connecticut River Bank --- Selectmen signed documents necessary to open a deposit account for the Police Department. The Police Department received monies from the Department of Justice last year that has to be placed in a separate account for the Police Department to draw from. The amount to be transferred from the Operating account to the new account will be in the amount of \$585.54.

Reviewed and signed an Application to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a Special Exception to allow for replacing or relocating the house on Town owned property at 119 Main Street to a more conforming location. Selectmen will have Angela compile an abutters list and get this Application on the ZBA's calendar.

Department Items:

Town Clerk – Selectmen signed Oath of Offices for the following individuals: Peter Crowell to serve on the Planning Board as an Alternate member for a 3 year term; Andrew Maneval to serve on the Planning Board as a member for a 3 year term; Noel Greiner to serve on the Planning Board as an Alternate member for a 2 year term.

Highway Department – Road Agent Wes Tarr met with Selectmen. Seth reports that if the Town applies to the State for a driveway modification permit we would be free to modify the bank within the state right of way on Rt 137 that is a safety concern. Seth will contact Carla Richardson and Jay will talk to Robbins southeast of the intersection. Wes will have town crews modify the bank to improve traffic sight-lines.

Wes reported that the Highway Department had placed a temporary cover over an abandoned dug well 119 Main Street.

Wes reported that we have successfully drained the beaver pond that was threatening the rail-road trail bed. Selectmen asked Wes to arrange for moving boulders demarking the westerly edge of the town Sunset Beach property following the successful lot line adjustment with abutters.

Charles relayed to Wes and the Board concerns and difficulties experienced by the Harrisville Childrens Center with storm water drainage from the General Store parking lot and the upper part of Church Street. Storm water drainage is a problem down much of Church Street. After discussion regarding the topography and sources of storm water, it was agreed that Charles would arrange a meeting with Historic Harrisville and the Children's Center to discuss possible approaches to solving this problem.

ZBA – Selectmen received a copy of a letter addressed to the Zoning Board from Noel Greiner and Christine Destremes appealing the ZBA's grant of a variance to John Cucchi. ZBA Chair Hal Grant inquired as to the Select Board's position. Selectmen intend to seek further clarification of the basis for the ZBA's hardship determination at the appeal hearing. Selectmen will not filing a separate the appeal.

Safety Committee – Reviewed the Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2014.

Assessing – NH DRA reported the Town's Equalization Ratio Study for 2013 with a Sales Ratio of 99.8% and Median Ratio of 96.7%.
Selectmen noted the unresolved issue of incomplete contract work by Chris Murdough and will ask the Town's Attorney to prepare a letter requiring Ms. Murdough to complete the agreed upon services.

HDC – Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2014

Upcoming Meetings:

May 26th – Memorial Day Selectmen's office will be closed