

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Town Offices Date: July 10, 2014

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

Selectmen met with Chief Mark Howard from the City of Keene Fire Department, along with Fire Chief Wayne Derosia, and Police Chief Russell Driscoll to discuss the proposed paramedic Advanced Life Support (ALS) Intercept Agreement with the City of Keene. This agreement provides Harrisville a contracted backup to emergency response for Citizens. Keene is offering a one year contract with 10 surrounding towns for a fixed fee. If insurance companies and patients don't pay case specific charges, the Town would be liable for these. Based on statistics over the last three years discussed by Chief Howard and Driscoll, these risks seem low. Selectmen agreed with Chief Derosia and Driscoll that this contract provides important additional coverage at a reasonable fee, and signed the agreement.

Vicky Riley, a resident at 139 Hancock Road (Lake Skatutakee), along with three other residents/property owners at Lake Skatutakee came to complain about a resident feeding waterfowl, even when asked to stop. Ms. Riley spoke of problems that arise when people repeatedly feeding of wildlife, particularly Canadian geese and other waterfowl. She cited nine specific reasons why the increased bird population and disruption of natural wildlife patterns that follow from people feeding these was causing problems for residents and the environment alike. State of NH has no laws, although Fish and Game recommends against these practices. Charles noted that he was disinclined to become involved when the problem is not apparently being addressed by those residents that form the lakeside communities. He recommended that Vicky and the others work not only with their Lake Association but the other lake groups in Harrisville, as well as the Conservation Commission, to increase public support for their cause. He also recommended that they try to use Common Threads as a vehicle to talk about nine points. Jay recommended that the group plan on petitioning a Warrant Article if they wished the Town to adopt specific ordinances. Charles noted that enforcement of ordinances is always problematic for part time and volunteer Town Government staff and volunteers.

Reviewed Items:

Review of financials and bills, signing of checks.

Selectmen signed an audit acceptance letter from Vachon, Clukay, & Company PC regarding the 2013 Audit.

The Traffic Safety Committee submitted Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2014. The Town will need to raise revenues to do site work on private property to improve traffic sight-lines at Hancock Road and Rt 137.

Dubois & King Wetlands Permit, Right of Way, and Easement Deeds needed for progress on South Road Bridge final engineering remain unprocessed by Selectboard. Action is needed by Charles.

Department Items:

Health Office – Charles noted that the water testing at the Spring was several months out of date. David Belknap should address this, as we believe the posting should not be more than 1 month old at any time.

Assessing – Submitted a copy of the letter sent to Allan Saari and the Board of Tax and Land Appeals objecting to Mr. Saari's motion for reconsideration. Mr. Saari has sent a followup letter to the BTLA on the matter.

Land Use Change Tax forms were submitted for Selectmen's signature for David Trute for property located on Sargent Camp Road (Map 10, Lot 27-8), and for John A. Cucchi for the property located on Dublin Road (Map 30, Lot 32-11) and John Cucchi Jr. for the property located on 164 Skatutakee Road (Map 30, Lot 32)

Conservation Committee – Miscellaneous items submitted for review were noted. Two emails received from John Cucchi dated July 7th. A request from Chairman Winston Sims requesting advice from the Select Board regarding letters received from John Cucchi dated July 3rd. Nobis Engineering proposal for Aquifer Protection Map, Town Spring

Planning Board – Submitted copies of recent correspondence between Co-Chair Ned Hulbert and John Cucchi.

Zoning Board – Chair Hal Grant has requested guidance regarding payments for the rehearing of a ZBA Variance appeal by Mr. John Cucchi. The Selectboard directed the ZBA to have the Town cover the notice costs for a re-hearing on the original application by Mr. Cucchi, as it appears that errors in terminology and transcription of minutes may have contributed to the need for the ZBA to revisit this matter.

Town Clerk – Submitted for Selectboard signatures Warrants for Civil Forfeitures for unlicensed dogs, which will be sent to four owners in Town.

Other business:

Water testing results for Russell Reservoir, Chesham Beach, and Harrisville Lake

Revised rates for PSNH beginning July 1st

NH DOT Transportation Alternative Program

In response to an inquiry received by Angela, the Selectmen note that the Town does not offer any grant programs to help sustain or restore historic buildings.

Upcoming Meetings:

Common Threads Deadline for the August/September 2014 issue is August 1st.