

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Town Offices Date: August 7, 2014

Meeting Opened: 7:00pm 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 Judy and Jim Patton (135 Skatutakee Road). They had received notice as an abutter of John Cucchi of the scheduled Zoning Board of Adjustment hearing for August 20th. Jim and Judy wanted to know if the Selectmen, either as a group or individually, were advising Mr. Cucchi or his agents. Jay stated the Board had discussed with Mr. Cucchi his intentions and desires when John and Anne Cucchi had been present at a prior Selectmen's meeting. Seth noted that the Board's efforts were to advise Mr. Cucchi of what he was required to do and to encourage him to seek alternatives to a Variance request within the Zoning Ordinances of the Town. Mr. Patton also asked Charles specifically if Charles had been consulting with Mr. Cucchi. Charles' response was no, and questioned Mr. Patton as to why he was asked. Mr. Patton reported that there was 'scuttlebutt' in 'his neighborhood' suggesting this was the case. Mr. Michal emphatically rejected that, and suggested Mr. Patton check his sources.

Selectmen met with Winston Sims of the Conservation Commission, who had noticed some cutting and taking wood from the roadside and wanted to know if this was an activity the Board was aware of. Selectmen had no information for Mr. Sims. Mr. Sims reported that the Conservation Commission has signed off on the State Application prepared for moving forward with the South Road Bridge project. Winston also wanted to know if the State could come back and try to apply 100 year flood criteria after the fact. Selectmen did not consider this a realistic scenario. Selectmen acknowledged having seen a copy of the recently prepared Nobis map delineating potential 'protection zones' around the Skatutakee Spring.

Seth ask Winston what provisions had been made to mitigate risk to the town for the newly volunteer erected trail bridges – specifically over lower Nubanusit Brook. Seth asked if any engineer's stamp had been used in the design of the bridge, and noted that untreated Hemlock had been used for the walking deck. The life span of this material is short, and Seth raised the concern that at some point a horse could fall through a deteriorated deck and create a serious liability issue for the Town. While these bridges were not erected with Town funds, it is unlikely that the Town could avoid being sued. Charles noted that a proactive effort could be to include these bridges on the annual observation by the Safety Committee.

Selectmen met with Jeff Trudelle and Hal Grant. They each own land on Townsend Road, and have future plans to develop these lots. This is considered a Class VI road. Selectmen referred them to current Town policies regarding development and building permits on Class VI roads. Selectmen do not know where records show the east end of Townsend Road intersecting Bonds Corner Road. Current tax maps appear to be inaccurate regarding properties at the east end of this old road.

Documents signed or reviewed:

Review of Financial information,, and signing of current checks.

Selectboard reviewed possible dates for the 2015 Fiscal Year Paid Holidays and prepared a draft for completion. This will be signed and approved at a later meeting.

Department Items:

ZBA – The Board will hold a public meeting at 7:00pm on Wednesday August 20, 2014. John Cucchi's property at 164 Skatutakee Road is on the Agenda.

Conservation Commission – Selectmen will be requesting time at a future ConCom meeting to obtain the Conservation Commissions views regarding the appropriate use of 119 Main Street.

Planning Board - Selectmen will be requesting time at a future PB meeting to obtain the Planning Boards views regarding the appropriate use of 119 Main Street.

Administration – Selectmen ask that all Town Policies, including Personnel Policies, be accessible as PDF files on the Town computers.

Highway Department - The Harrisville Children’s Center requests permission to grade and stone the edge of Church Street, in the Town right of way, in an effort to solve erosion issues at the Children’s’ Center playground. The Selectboard will allow this, subject to the Road’s approval. Selectboard request that Wes Tarr communicate his approval to Linda MacGilvary at the Children’s Center.

Other business:

NH DOT—information regarding Proposed Reclamation Program, Gas Tax Funds, and the Highway Maintenance District 4 Resurfacing District Notification

Upcoming Meetings:

September 1st – Labor Day