

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Town Offices Date: October 9, 2014

Meeting Opened: 7:00 PM Meeting Adjourned: 9:20 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

Barbara Watkins met with the Select Board to discuss activities of the Rails to Trails Committee. The group has enjoyed a busy summer during which the new trail bridge east of Skatutakee was completed. The bridge was funded with private donations. The Committee plans a dedication ceremony, and will name this the 'Skatutakee Rail Bridge'. The Town owns the property that provides an approach to the pedestrian bridge. Selectmen approved the Highway Department providing some gravel to dry out some wet areas on Town land. Barbara was asked to discuss this with Wes Tarr directly. On separate business, Selectmen advised Barbara that the Board is placing conditions on the use by a logger of portions of the Rail Bed to gain access to the Sundstrom Property near the Village Center, to assure that any such use is not detrimental to the trail.

Alan Saari met with the Selectboard to claim that the Conservation Commission is holding illegal meetings and failing to comply with statutory requirements to file minutes in a timely fashion. Selectmen advised Alan that Town Clerk Donna Stone has recently communicated to Conservation Commission Chair Winston Sims the requirements for minute keeping. Alan also complained that a recent meeting was held at other than at a posted time, without public notice, to discuss the potential acquisition of land as a protection to the Skatutakee Lake Spring. Selectboard informed Mr. Saari that it is aware that the Conservation is interested in and actively pursuing the possibility of acquiring land, or at least conservation easements, on land in the vicinity of the spring. The Selectboard understands that Conservation Commission has access to Conservation Trust Funds and potential private donations which might fund such an acquisition. Selectmen assured Mr. Saari that they will be observing the ongoing conversation to make sure that no commitments are made on the Town's part unless all legal procedures are followed. Selectmen will ask the Conservation Commission to make it clear to any private parties that while the Selectboard supports in principal opportunities to acquire land around the spring, decisions regarding actual acquisition of land would be made at a future time by the Selectboard and/or the voters at a Town Meeting, to the extent required by state law.

Alan Saari also relayed an incident involving a traffic hazard in Chesham involving a moving truck. A 911 call could not raise any Harrisville police officer, he said, and the Marlborough Police responded instead. Alan believes this is evidence that the Town is not getting the service from the local police department that taxes are paying for. Selectmen noted that they do not know the timing or details of the incident, but observed that the Town's police budget does not insure full time coverage, and that the response by Marlborough as a back-up to Harrisville's department is a planned and expected arrangement.

Documents signed or reviewed:

Review of financials for the week . Year to date spending is approximately 65% of budget, however many last quarter costs have not yet been incurred.

Monadnock Family Services Annual Report and request of funds for 2015.

Review and Approval of the Selectmen Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2014. Signed by Jay and Seth.

Department Items:

Town Clerk – Selectmen signed and dated the Notification for the November 4th, 2014 Elections.

Highway Department – Selectmen met with Wes Tarr. Selectmen are pleased with the completion of paving of Prospect Street. Prospect Street's base was in reasonable condition. Grinding and reclaiming a road is very expensive, but must be done to get ones money's worth over time. ... Willard Hill may be in condition that warrants a re-paving similar to Prospect Street, at least up to the power lines. Above that and on the adjacent Mason Road a more

costly re-building of the road base with new gravel is needed. Hancock Road varies in condition over it's length. Long term planning needs to identify reasonable capital improvement budgets for such road work.

Fire Department – Chief Wayne Derosia inquired as to updating a road map for the Town of Harrisville to make available to the public and Fire Department. He included a copy of Nelson's road map as an example. This would make it easier for people to find their way around areas that they are not familiar with. Selectmen request that Wayne attend at future Selectboard meeting to discuss this further.

Assessing – Record of Flood Control Reimbursement from the State. (copy given to Assessor)

Conservation Commission – submitted Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2014 (Special Meeting Session regarding Toni Silk's Lake Skatutakee Property.

ZBA -- Hal Grant has requested that the SelectBoard approve Curtis Taylor to serve as an alternate on the Zoning Board. Mr. Taylor is invited to a future SelectBoard meeting for a conversation with the Selectboard.

Other business:

Letter from Deborah McWethy, Patrick & Judith Gagne requesting clarifications on easements needed as part of the final engineering for the South Road Bridge.

UNH - Forest Laws for Municipal Officials Thursday November 6, 2014

Upcoming Meetings:

October 16th – Winston Sims request to meet with the Select Board at 7pm

October 31st – Trick-or-Treating hours will be from 5pm – 7pm

November 4th – General Election, polling hours are from 8am - 7pm

November 11th – Veteran's Day (Office Closed)