

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Town Offices Date: October 23, 2014

Meeting Opened: 7:00 PM Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 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

Winston Sims met with Selectboard and asked that the minutes of October 16th concerning communications from John Cucchi involving Winston Sims be corrected. Mr. Sims stated that the referenced Cucchi appraisal was arranged and funded through Historic Harrisville, not through Mr. Sims personal interest. Mr. Sims asked that the phrase "...Mr. Cucchi had accompanied him ..." be struck from the sentence "Winston stated that Mr. Cucchi had accompanied him, and answered that he would." Mr. Sims asked that the Selectmen forward him a copy of the Cucchi email correspondence that had generated the conversation at the last Selectmen's meeting.

Winston drew the Selectmen's attention to an email from Toni Silk addressed to Winston, in which Ms. Silk commits to sell tax map 30 lot 32-10 to the Conservation Commission or its nominee, subject to several conditions. Mr. Sims asks the Selectboard to form an opinion to share with the Conservation Commission at a future date.

Sarah Kendall met with the Selectboard on behalf of the Community Fund regarding the funding committed early this year toward improving the Town Web site. Since Charles and other interested community members will not be able to work on the project for the remainder of this fiscal year, the Community Fund wanted assurances that the funds had been received and earmarked for this project, and would not be absorbed into the General Fund. Selectmen assured Sarah that this was correct. Jay noted recent complaints from the Planning Board regarding the adequacy of the existing website. Seth noted that we might research the costs of a 'for hire' website using paid consultants so that a warrant article could be offered at next Town Meeting. Sarah asked how the Selectboard would like to proceed. Charles noted that the funding request had intended to survey the community in some way prior to investing heavily in either the existing website architecture or beginning to copy another town's site. As a start Sarah offered to call Gordon Peery (who does the Nelson website) and Harry Wolhandler (who has expertise in surveys).

Andrew Manevel, as Emergency Management Director, met with the Selectboard to obtain signatures on the record copy of the Local Emergency Operations Plan.

Andrew reminded the Selectboard his past suggestions that town owned land in Chesham could easily be sold to interested abutters. He wanted to record his own personal interest in the possible sale of that land. The Selectboard noted for the record that the sale of this lot would likely involve conversations with the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board as is planned for 119 Main Street.

Documents signed or reviewed:

Weekly Financial Summary and current checks.

Authorization to Transfer Funds to the Cemetery Maintenance Trust for Dawn Randall for Island Cemetery; and James Hastings Jr. for Willard Hill Road.

Department Items:

Conservation Commission – Email correspondence between Winston Sims and Will Kirkpatrick regarding a date to meet with the Select Board about becoming a member of the CC. The 30th of October may work for Mr. Kirkpatrick.

ZBA -- Draft of the Zoning Board Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2014

Other business:

Selectmen will prepare a public access file with relevant material concerning 119 Main Street prior to the next meetings of the Conservation Commission and Planning Board Winston will alert the Conservation Commission about the 119 Main Street file. Selectmen received communication from Rex Baker who has purchased 107 Main Street. Mr. Baker expressed interest in purchasing 119 Main Street. Mr. Baker and others with interest will be given access to this public file.

Angela reports NH DRA rep Shelley Gerlarneau has not been able to complete the Tax Rate calculations; Ms. Gerlarneau notified us that the SAU #29 office still had not sent their paperwork in yet. Angela contacted SAU #29, the paperwork required by DRA was sent October 23rd.

Work on Town Office and Police Department windows is planned for this Saturday; Police Department has been notified. The contractor (Mr. Benett) stated that the Selectboard wanted to go with him to find the correct doors for the Police Station. Is there any thought as to when you may want to schedule this?

Upcoming Meetings:

October 26th -- Skatutakee Rail Bridge Dedication; Celebration to be held at 2:00pm on Hancock Road

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

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

November 11th – Veterans Day (Office Closed)

November 27th – Thanksgiving (Office Closed)

November 28th – Thanksgiving Friday (Office Closed)