

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

April 14, 2010

At 4:00 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Jack Rose, Sara Young-Knox and Joe Ferris. Also present were June Johnson, Lee Grant and John Newton. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved amended March 24. Joe motioned to amend the April 7 minutes to read Sara stated the Forest Service will be logging, not Joe, and Sara said most of the logging will take place in the winter, not Jack. Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks
- Reviewed & approved two pistol permits
- Reviewed Department of Revenue equalization ratio study
- Reviewed Vachon, Clukay & Company MS-5
- Reviewed and compared copy machine quotes from OCE and Porter Office Machines. Jack would like Porter machines to come in for a presentation. Joe said he didn't think anyone would beat Porter's price. Jack said he had a few questions, whether the machine would collate and to explain the maintenance contract. Sara made a motion for the AA to contact Porter Business Machine to ask if the machine collates and if it does, to go and see the machine. Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Reviewed Forest Products Road Manual—Joe stated that he knows the gentleman who wrote this manual and had spoken to him. Joe added that the gentleman would be willing to assist the Board in getting the roads bonded when the time comes.
- Reviewed NHDES Large Well Siting Approval
- Reviewed letter from Time Warner Cable
- Reviewed letter from Senator Gallus
- Reviewed WMNF Schedule of Proposed Action
- Reviewed invitation to North Country Council Quarterly Representative Meeting
- Reviewed & approved revised Scenic Byways Application—See below-Steve Knox
- Reviewed North Country Council Regional Transportation Plan and Coordinated Transit Plan

Andrea Walsh:

Andrea invited the Board of Selectmen to join in on Valley Pride Day. It will be held on Saturday, May 1. Tina Craig is going to be Albany's coordinator. Andrea came before the Board to ask if the town hall parking lot can be used to dispense water, gloves and trash bags. She also requested a street map for volunteers to view. Jack made a motion to allow the parking lot to be used. Sara Young-Knox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Andrea also told the Board that a farm house on the World Fellowship property is in the process of being demolished. Although it was not completely demolished by April 1, she told the Selectmen that she will be filing for an abatement of the 2010 property taxes. The demolition should be complete by the end of the month.

Miscellaneous:

Sara noted the sign ordinances are being seriously violated throughout town. She said the Board needs to look at signage throughout the town and send violators a friendly letter noting the ordinances in addition to pointing out signs on buildings also need a sign permit. Sara said there are several establishments in town that are in violation. Joe suggested a list of violators be made and in the friendly letter, refer them to the website for the full ordinance. Joe thought that consequences should be included in the letter also. Jack suggested creating a form letter for all violators.

Jack would like to continue touring the town to look for any issues that needs the Selectmen's attention. It was decided that the Board will meet on Wednesday, April 28 at noon, at town hall where they will continue to tour the remainder of the town.

Jack made a motion that the Selectmen send a letter of thanks to Tom Wagner of the Forest Service for his strong letter of support for the land acquisition to the Scenic Byways Grant Board. Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The AA read aloud Tom's letter of support.

Steve Knox:

Steve reported that last Friday's presentation to the Scenic Byways Grant Board did not go well. The Land Governance Board proposed some changes in the application to the Trust for Public Land representative, Roger Krussman, who is filling in for the vacationing Gregg Caporrossi. Dean Eastman, NHDOT Board member for the grant wanted the revised application back to him by Thursday, April 15 at 12 p.m. Roger rewrote the application, sent it to the Land Governance Board for review. The Board reviewed and approved it. Roger sent the electronic version to Dean Eastman but wanted the original copy. Steve asked for the Selectmen's approval of the amended application and for Jack's signature on it. Sara made a motion to approve the amended grant application, Jack seconded the motion. Joe asked if there were to be a parking lot and is it to be at the Ranger Station. Steve replied yes there is to be a parking lot but it would be on Albany's parcel. All were in favor of the amended grant application.

Lee Grant asked if there would be a liability problem with the remote control airplane club that uses the field on the property. Steve replied that the club had a policy and would be required to submit a certificate of insurance to be placed on file with the town.

Steve reported that the Planning Board would be discussing the results of the recent survey that was sent out to residents and property owners asking them of the direction they would like to see Albany go. He was very pleased with the turnout as the return was between 25% and 30% with the majority of the returns being Albany residents. Steve would like to thank the Albany residents who took the time to fill out and return the survey.

At 5:20 p.m., Joe made a motion to adjourn, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
Administrative Assistant