

Minutes
Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting
August 18, 2010

At 3:55 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Jack Rose and Sara Young-Knox. Also present were Rita Wells, Lee Grant, June Johnson, Mike Conroy and Steve Knox. The following business was conducted.

Mike Conroy:

Mike will be painting the chapel and town hall. He told the Board that it might be more costly than what he had proposed because there are new lead paint regulations which seem to continue to be amended on a weekly basis. Jack told Mike to perform a lead test on the chapel. Mike said he didn't think the lead regulations would pertain to the chapel as it only houses the Historical Society's museum but he wants to be sure of it. He will perform the test tomorrow and consult with Fire Chief, Brian Taylor.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved August 11 minutes-Sara made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$1,084.07
- Reviewed & approved one building permit-Sara made a motion to approve the building permit, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Discussed oil & propane contract-Jack made a motion to stay with White Mountain Oil & Propane for the 2010-2011 heating season, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Reviewed e-mail from Peter Malia regarding Kennett Property
- Reviewed DOT Driveway Permit
- Reviewed inspection report from Brian Taylor, Health Officer
- Reviewed Public Notice from Town of Sandwich
- Reviewed correspondence from Time Warner Cable
- NonPublic Session RSA 91-A:3 (c)—see below

Miscellaneous:

The AA informed the Board that a phone call was received by Dave Mercier, an engineer working on behalf of the Conway Village Fire District. They are intending on replacing the water lines to the water tanks located in Albany

on Bald Hill Rd. The Conway Village Fire District was looking for the support of the Albany Board of Selectmen for this project. Jack said he looks forward to the completion of the project as the Conway end of Bald Hill Rd. will be repaired. Sara said she would approve of the project as long as there would not be any damage to Bald Hill Rd. within the Albany town line. Jack and Sara thank the District for informing them and asking for their support. They would like be kept up to date on the progress of the project.

Steve Knox:

Steve informed the Board that at last week's Planning Board meeting, Leah Valladares was unanimously voted to perform the secretarial duties of the Planning Board. Steve is asking the Selectmen to appoint Leah to the position. Steve feels she is competent and will be a good fit for the Planning Board. She has agreed to the compensation and a six month probationary period. Jack said he understood there was a discrepancy with current secretary, David Maudsley's contract with the town. Steve replied he was under the impression from David that he would be paid for the full year even if he resigned now. Steve added that the Planning Board does not have the excess funds to cover two secretaries. Jack asked Steve to get in touch with David to clear up the matter and if he were to be paid for the rest of the year, that he work the rest of the year and then have Leah begin the position in January. Sara made a motion to appoint Leah Valladares to the Planning Board Secretary position pending the resolution of the contract issues with David Maudsley. Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jack would like to see David's contract expire annually as he will stay on as the Planning Board's Technical Advisor. Sara added that he be appointed on an annual basis also. Jack agreed.

Steve told the Board that the Planning Board plans to begin looking at proposed amendments to the zoning ordinances; however, the Planning Board has exceeded their legal line in the budget. Steve asked the Board of Selectmen to absorb any legal fees from the review of said amendments. Jack made a motion if money is available in the Selectmen budget, to have the Mitchell Group review and approve the proposed amendments in preparation for the annual town meeting. Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Steve said the Planning Board intends to dedicate their second meeting of September and October to the proposed amendments rather than their normal Master Plan work.

Miscellaneous:

Jack reported that he and Steve Knox attended the recent Passaconaway Civic Association annual meeting. He said the members were glad to have town official representation present. Jack went on to say there was a lot of conversation of the need for cell phone service in that area. It will need property owner support in addition to electricity, land and the funds to support it. Jack asked Terry Miller of the Forest Service who was on hand at the meeting about supporting such a project. Terry replied that the Forest Service would not support it.

Jack told Terry when the town picnic was held at the Colbath House a few weeks earlier, the ACCT group was told the field on the property was off limits. Terry reacted surprised and said it seemed if the picnic continued to be held there the use of the field would be possible. Sara noted that there was a Civil War reenactment there and they used the field and this rule did not seem to be consistent to all renters.

Sara asked if there was any response from Curtis Coleman about the street sweeper that had been dumping sand over the side of Passaconaway Rd. The AA replied no. Curtis was going to inspect it and said it probably was his crew because they do that on an annual basis. Sara noted that the sand was so high that it was level with some of the vegetation which she feels would prevent the deterioration of the roads shoulders better than trying to fill it with sand which will just wash away with one good rain storm.

Jack said he has contacted the Selectmen offices of Madison, Tamworth and Conway about the Albany Selectmen's letter to NHDOT regarding the extension of rumble strips from Ossipee to Conway. He has asked for their support and the AA forwarded a copy of the letter Albany has sent to each town. Ray Burton also left a message saying he is handwriting a letter of support for this project and sending it to Commissioner George Campbell of NHDOT.

NonPublic Session:

At 5:10 p.m. Sara made a motion to move into nonpublic session citing RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

At 5:25 p.m., Sara motioned to move into public session, seconded by Jack and all were in favor.

At 5:26 p.m. it was determined that the minutes shall not be publicly disclosed. Jack motioned to seal the minutes, to not publicly disclose the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of the information will likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board. Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Public Safety Officer:

The Board discussed the rising rate of crime in our area. Sara thought Albany should maybe look into hiring a public safety officer. Jack agreed saying something should be done. Sara suggested a community discussion would be a good way to start coming up with ways to keep our neighborhoods safe.

Lee Grant told the Board that Albany used to have a Constable. Jack said he would approach the Annual Town Meeting to hire a Town Constable. Sara said there are so many regulations and training requirements that another approach may be more viable. Steve Knox suggested a neighborhood meeting with a panel of the sheriff, a state trooper and a Conway officer. Sara thought planning the meeting for after the November 2 election would be a good idea as a new sheriff may be elected. Jack agreed.

At 5:50 p.m., Sara made a motion to adjourn, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
Administrative Assistant