

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

August 25, 2010

At 3:50 p.m., The Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Jack Rose, Sara Young-Knox and Joe Ferris. Also present were Steve Knox, Lee Grant, June Johnson, Tom and Jackie Heinz. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved August 18 minutes-Jack made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$22,375.59
- Reviewed & approved one building permit-Sara made a motion to approve the building permit contingent upon the applicant signing a new amended building permit application, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor
- Reviewed & approved one pistol permit
- Signed MS-1 extension request form
- Reviewed & signed purchase and sale agreement with the Trust for Public Land—see below Purchase and Sale
- Reviewed letter from Senator John Gallus regarding rumble strips—see below rumble strips
- Reviewed e-mail from Mary Deppe of North Country Council—Jack made a motion to let North Country Council to use the Town Hall free of charge for their meeting to discuss the Conway bypass, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Reviewed letter from Town of Conway Solid Waste District
- Reviewed invitation to the North Country Council Quarterly Representative Meeting
- Reviewed correspondence from Time Warner

Tammy Webb:

Tammy spoke to the Board about the 2009 audit performed by Vachon, Clukay & Co. She noted Albany has the highest rating for a municipality yet the Board needs to be aware of GASB 45 which requires the municipality to keep track of employee non-taxed income such as retirement and health insurance which is now required.

Tammy also suggested the town come up with an investment policy which is also required by law and approve a policy on an annual basis.

Tammy also questioned the tax rate approved by Department of Revenue in reference to the Conway Village District tax rate. She said if we are collecting the tax and not paying it to the District, why is it being collected and what is its purpose? Tammy also suggested asking the assessors if they knew what properties it is associated with.

Steve Knox:

Steve told the Board he spoke with David Maudsley, current Planning Board Secretary and Technical Advisor. David expects to be paid his Secretary Salary as he trains the new appointed Secretary, Leah Valladares. Steve suggests that they both be compensated for their labor. Jack asked if this will continue after the new year. Steve replied he would not rule it out but it could be added into the 2011 municipal budget. Jack made a motion to compensate both David and Leah as the transition takes place, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor. Jack asked Steve if David would continue on as Technical Advisor to the Planning Board. Steve replied it would take further discussion.

Steve told the Board that they will be working on the zoning ordinance amendments and they should be ready to be voted on at the March annual meeting by the voters.

Investment Policy:

Tammy Webb of Vachon, Clukay & Co. suggested the approval of an investment policy by the Board of Selectmen. Joe would like to use an independent financial advisor. Jack noted Mark Patterson lives in Albany and maybe we could utilize his company. Joe made a motion to call Mark Patterson for his professional opinion, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Purchase & Sale Agreement:

Jack noted that the Trust for Public Land has completed three appropriation requests and the fourth is underway. Jack told the Board he had spoken with Bayard Kennett and Bayard is in full support of Albany's position. Jack also received notification from the North Country Council that Albany will have an answer from the Scenic Byways grant application this fall.

Rumble Strips:

The AA read aloud a letter received from Senator John Gallus in support of Albany's letter to NHDOT to extend rumble strips from Ossipee through Albany up to Conway. Jack added that he spoke with representatives from Madison who also sent a letter to NHDOT. It was signed by all Selectmen, the Police Chief and the Fire Chief. He is still awaiting word from Tamworth and Conway on the matter. Lee Grant asked if it might be worthwhile to ask for support from the Sheriff Department and State Police. Jack replied that it would help.

Miscellaneous:

Jack spoke with Domenic Richardi, candidate for Sheriff, about the idea of holding a public informational meeting about crime in our area. Domenic was very supportive of the idea.

The AA told the Board that Louis Hardy has made an appointment with the Board for the following week to discuss his camping trailer situation on Bald Hill Rd.

Tara Taylor came before the Board and had left a message at the office pertaining to 1299 Bald Hill Rd. It appears that a year round yard sale has been ongoing at this address and the items for sale have been placed closer and closer to the edge of the road as time passes. This past Friday night, while driving home, Tara hit something by the property in order to avoid an accident with an oncoming vehicle. Jack agreed that something must be done about this property. Previous action taken by the Board had not been followed through. The owner was asked to remove two dilapidated camping trailers. One was removed and the second was cut in half and left on the property. Jack made a motion to have the Mitchell Group advise the town of the process to take in order to make the property owner come into compliance with either Albany Zoning Ordinances or state law. Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

An Albany property owner approached Sara to inform her of trees being cut on a property off of Passaconaway Rd. The trees are being cut along the Swift River. After Sara followed a logging road nearby, she found a closed up portable garage and the road eventually led to a home. She is worried that squatters may have been cutting the trees and possibly living in the portable garage. She added that the owners may not know or have given permission for this to happen on their property. Jack made a motion to write a letter to

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the property owners informing them of the situation and ask them to advise the Selectmen office if they are responsible for these actions. Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

NonPublic Session:

At 5:16 p.m. Joe 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 5:21 p.m., Joe motioned to move into public session, seconded by Jack and all were in favor.

At 5:22 p.m. it was determined that the minutes shall not be publicly disclosed. Sara 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. Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jack made a motion to invite Curtis Coleman, Road Agent, to the next Selectmen meeting.

At 5:25 p.m., Jack made a motion to adjourn, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
Administrative Assistant