

Minutes
Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting
August 29, 2011

At 1:55 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Sara Young-Knox and Joe Ferris. Also present were Road Agent Curtis Coleman, Emergency Management agent Brian Taylor, representative from US Forest Service Rick Alimi and Steve Knox. The following business was conducted.

Rick Alimi reported to the Board that NHDOT requested the closure of the Albany Covered Bridge for public safety. Curtis retorted the Town should have been notified and the Town should have closed it. Curtis added the Town's locks had been removed and right now there is a Forest Service lock on it. Curtis told Rick the Town should be locking the gate. Sara agreed with Curtis saying it is a town road and Curtis is our Road Agent and he should have a key to the lock. Rick replied that the decision was made for public safety reasons. Rick agreed the Town should have been notified and said the Forest Service will be more conscientious of it in the future. Curtis told Rick it should be protocol between Albany and the Forest Service adding it is Albany property. Rick agreed.

Sara said we should move forward and have a clear line of communication. She added the Carroll County Sheriff Department should also be notified of any road closures. Rick replied the Sheriff Department had been manning the cars that were trying to travel on the Kancamagus.

Joe made a motion to have the Albany Covered Bridge inspected before reopening it, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor. Curtis will contact Ed Bergeron to inspect the bridge.

Rick reported that Bear Notch Rd. had been closed and only local traffic would be allowed on the Kancamagus. Currently the NHDOT has engineers inspecting the bridges around there. The AA suggested the possibility of having those engineers come to inspect the Albany Covered Bridge. Curtis will contact NHDOT to see if they can do the inspection.

Brian Taylor said he hadn't seen anything that would be worth reporting to FEMA as Albany Emergency Management Agent.

At 2:10 p.m., Joe made a motion to adjourn, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
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