

**Minutes**  
**Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting**  
**December 14, 2011**

At 3:30 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Jack Rose and Joe Ferris. Also present were Lee Grant and June Johnson. The following business was conducted.

**Regular Business:**

- Reviewed & approved December 7 minutes-Jack made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$37,438.02.
- Appointed Brian Taylor as Health Officer & Dan Sdankus as Deputy Health Officer.
- Reviewed & signed 2011 Equalization Assessment Data Sheets.
- Reviewed & tabled one septic design-Joe made a motion to table the approval of the septic design. He felt it needed a written, notarized waiver from the abutting property owner as the septic will be very close to the property line. Joe noted the plans do not show the well and he would also like to get approval from Peter Carboni, code enforcer. Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Reviewed & approved NH Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement-Jack made a motion to approve the grant agreement, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor of signing it.
- Reviewed final order from 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit-District Division-Conway.
- Reviewed copy of letter from Peter Malia to Marc Mills.
- Reviewed report from PSNH regarding October Nor'Easter.
- Reviewed Christmas letter 2001 from the Wolfes'.

**Conservation Commission:**

Joe researched the laws associated with a Conservation Commission. He said a fund is established under their control for generated revenues and gifts. The Commission can use these funds as they see fit without the approval of a town meeting. Joe disagrees that any money should be spent without the approval of the voters. Joe further stated any development on the town forest land was supposed to be done from revenues generated from the land.

Joe also thinks that any money generated from the land should be paid back to the town in the amount of the approved appropriation of \$175,000. Jack does not agree with Joe saying the warrant article was not written as such.

Jack would like to see the Conservation Commission consist of five members, three of which to be elected and two members be appointed, one representing the Board of Selectmen and one from the Planning Board as the current Land Governance Board is. The AA informed Jack the current law is written that the Conservation Commissioners shall be appointed by the Selectmen. This wording would have to be amended by the legislature in order to elect any members.

Jack made a motion to have the AA contact Jae Whitelaw, town counsel, with questions put forth from Rob Nadler and the Board of Selectmen regarding the number of Commissioners, electing Commissioners, a Conservation Commission budget and the dissolution of the current Land Governance Board, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

### **Christmas Party:**

Joe attended the Annual Christmas Party and said it was fantastic, adding Santa did a great job and the party was well attended. A big thank you goes to Kathy Carrier for an outstanding job of organizing it.

Jack said there were 60 children present at the party and he would also like to thank Kathy Carrier for her continued organization of all of Albany's town functions. He also said more help will be needed next year or these functions will not be possible. It is simply too much work for the small group that currently has volunteered.

Jack thanked all the generous sponsors for their continued support, namely the Waldorf School, Ragged Mountain and the numerous businesses who donated gift certificates.

Jack noted Albany's school bus driver, Kathy Thomson had the foresight to arrange to use the school bus and pick up approximately eight children who otherwise would not have been able to attend the Christmas party. Next year Kathy will attempt to organize a larger group to bring.

At 4:10 p.m., Jack made a motion to adjourn, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard  
Administrative Assistant

DRAFT