

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

December 5, 2012

At 3:30 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Jack Rose and Sara Young-Knox. Also present were Lee Grant and June Johnson. Joe Ferris joined the meeting at 3:55 p.m. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved November 28 minutes-Sara made a motion to amend the minutes under Colleen Cormack to read, "The Conway Selectmen are aware of the role Albany and Eaton play in the district," striking, "~~contribute money annually to the waste facility,~~" Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$1804.66.
- Reviewed county proposed budget.
- Reviewed security construction bids-bids were tabled until a third bid is received.
- Discussed delinquent property tax-see below.
- Administrative Assistant report-see below.

Miscellaneous:

The Board discussed the property located at 1854 NH Route 16. The owners had been given a variance by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. A condition of the variance had not been met. Sara suggested the owners should apply for an extension through the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The AA will contact Local Government Center to see who the enforcer of the conditions set forth is.

Sara asked if the yield taxes that result from the Albany town forest cut could be waived. The AA thought the municipality would be exempt.

Sara noted she has been asked by numerous people about the excavation at 18 Kelly Drive. It seems extreme. The AA replied the property owners had been granted a building permit for a 40 x 40 garage for personal use. The extensive removal of the earth on the property may require an excavation permit however. The AA will contact the Department of Revenue to inquire about it.

Sara drove passed the Drew residence on Bald Hill Rd., observed a pile of wood stacked next to their house and was concerned they may use their wood stove before the chimney has been inspected. The AA will contact Peter Carboni to make a progress inspection of the home as well as the safety of the chimney. Jack asked to have Peter in to next week's meeting for an update report.

Curtis Coleman (Road Agent):

Curtis gave Jack a written estimate for a one inch coating of asphalt on Bald Hill Rd. from the water tanks down to the town line.

Curtis said he didn't think a catch basin was needed at the end of Aviation Drive. He thinks we should wait to see what happens with it. Curtis concurred with Rich Slingsby saying it would be more work to dig it out if there is a concrete block in the way.

Curtis reported Perm-a-Pave estimated the cost of paving from Cook Farm Rd. to Bald Hill Rd. at \$20,000, so the plan will be to do a little less to make it \$15,000. Since paving is getting more and more expensive, it can either be patched and sealed or paved right.

Next year, Curtis would like to pave some town roads before they become too damaged to save. There is \$50,000 in the highway trust fund that could be used or just a part of it and raise the rest in a warrant article. If that is not agreeable, he would like to still do some paving but it won't be as much. Jack asked what Curtis thought the total might be to do all the paving he would like. Curtis thought \$50,000 should do it. Sara said it makes sense to do a little bit each year. Curtis noted roads such as Passaconaway and Drake Hill. He added that some additional roads will be sealed.

Jack asked if there had been any damage to Drake Hill Rd. as a result of the timber cut. Curtis replied it was minimal, just tire tracks.

Curtis would like to get some quotes on cutting back limbs on roads that don't have power, namely Passaconaway, part of Wildwood Rd. and Drake Hill Rd. Joe has an acquaintance in the business and will ask him to submit a bid.

Delinquent Property Tax:

A tax account that has been severely delinquent over the years had been researched. A bank payment had been made in 2002 which was never posted to the account, yet was processed through Albany's bank account. Since then

the property owner has inquired numerous times to clear up the confusion. She says she made cash payments that do not appear on the tax statement. Her mortgage company had made numerous payments also. Joe asked the AA to apply the bank payment to the oldest tax and reconfigure what the balance would be if this payment was applied when it was submitted.

Administrative Assistant Report:

Mike Martin of the Forest Service contacted the office saying he was not aware of the donated wreaths that are placed on the Albany Covered Bridge but would look into it. If the ribbons need to be replaced he would appreciate it if they were donated.

A building permit was approved and issued to Tin Mountain for an observation deck on their property on Bald Hill Rd. A gated entrance will be placed for safety reasons.

At 4:40 p.m., Joe made a motion to adjourn, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
Administrative Assistant