

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

January 13, 2011

At 3:00 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 and Rob Nadler. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved January 5 minutes-Jack made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$29,209.49.
- Reviewed & approved one pistol permit.
- Reviewed & approved one sign permit.
- Reviewed & approve Quarterly Federal Tax Return and Quarterly Tax & Wage Report.
- Reviewed letter from Hastings Law Firm.
- Reviewed DRA Community Action Report.
- Reviewed & approved letter of understanding from auditors Vachon, Clukay and Company, PC.
- Reviewed Town of Conway solid waste expense breakdown and recreation department budget for Albany.
- Reviewed Conway solid waste ordinance public hearing notice.
- Reviewed White Mountain National Forest schedule of proposed actions.
- Reviewed letter from Time Warner Cable.

Miscellaneous:

It was noted there have been multiple concerns received about over usage of salt on Albany's roads. It could be an environmental hazard. The AA will make Curtis Coleman, road agent, aware.

Joe liked the letter from the Mitchell Group to Jon Munro, however, he would like his cell phone number used instead of his home phone. Also, Mr. Munro does not recognize Easy Ave. as his physical address. He acknowledges Bald Hill Rd. Joe thought maybe Bald Hill Rd. should be notated in the letter. The AA will notify the Mitchell Group of the suggested changes to be made.

Jack made a motion to have a letter of thanks drafted to all seven officers who were present at the Local Law Enforcement Forum, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Steve Knox:

Steve informed the Board that several interviews had taken place for the Planning Board Secretary position. The Planning Board has unanimously voted to hire Theresa Gallagher, and is asking the Selectmen to hire her for the position. Sara made a motion to hire Theresa Gallagher as the Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Rob Nadler:

Rob submitted a letter for the town report as representative of the Economic Council for Albany.

He asked the Board if they thought a letter should be submitted for the town report on behalf of the Land Governance Board. Jack replied yes, definitely.

Rob discussed the options of doing away with the Land Governance Board because they do not have authority to accept grants, money or sign contracts whereas, a Conservation Commission does. Rob told the Selectmen a Conservation Commission has more responsibilities, however. Joe expressed his concern that if the Land Governance board is dissolved and a Conservation Commission is formed, the legislative body will lose control of the land.

Steve Knox explained to the Board and Rob the reason for creating the Land Governance Board rather than a Conservation Commission was because the majority of the Governance Board is elected, not appointed. It gives the legislative body more say as to what happens to town land. Steve added that he took this idea from the Town of Randolph and special legislation was created and passed so their Land Governance Board has the authority to govern their town forest. Jack asked if Albany could attempt to copy cat Randolph's legislation to allow the Land Governance Board to have more legislative authority to govern the land. Steve thought this was possible. Rob will discuss it with the Land Governance Board at the end of January.

At 4:03 p.m., Jack made a motion to adjourn, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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