

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

January 19, 2011

At 2:55 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Jack Rose, Sara Young-Knox and Joe Ferris. Also present were June Johnson and Lee Grant. Lt. Michael Santuccio of the Carroll County Sheriff Department, joined the meeting at 3:15 p.m. and Colleen Cormack joined the meeting at 3:25 p.m. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved January 13 minutes-Jack made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$21,542.65.
- Approved one current use application.
- Reviewed three assessment appeals—See below Appeals
- Reviewed information obtained by Rob Nadler regarding the Randolph town forest.
- Reviewed letter from North Country Council
- Reviewed report from Councilor Ray Burton
- Reviewed letter from Mitchell Group to Jon Munro-Joe motioned to approve the letter, Jack seconded and all were in favor.
- NonPublic Session RSA 91-A:3 (c)

Appeals:

After the Board reviewed two assessment appeal reviews from the assessors, Joe made a motion to abate Linda Ainsworth/Lee Riggs in the amount of \$92.57 and James and Margaret Clothier in the amount of \$25.05, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After reviewing the third assessment appeal review in reference to the World Fellowship Center, Joe motioned to abate the amount of \$2,089.56, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor. This amount represents property taxes paid for 350 days that the building on the lot had been demolished.

Lt. Michael Santuccio(Carroll County Sheriff Department):

Michael submitted a report of calls from within the town of Albany to the Sheriff Department from January 1 to the present. He told the Board that Albany is small but has the demand for the presence of law enforcement. Joe asked if what was being done was adequate or would he advise the town to invest in a patrol. Michael responded the town should look into everything as it would help.

Michael explained commercial detail would cost the town \$55.00 per hour which covers an officer and cruiser with a four hour minimum. He cited how this previously had positive results.

Michael told the Board he could get a quote for a full time deputy for 40 hours of duty who would still be under the authority of the Sheriff Department but would solely work in Albany and out of the town hall. The benefit is still having the sheriff's resources and during the deputy's time off, calls would go to the sheriff's office as they do now. This deputy could have the advantage of getting in touch with the community which could prevent an occurrence in the future. It has proven to have a big impact.

Jack asked if Michael could get a quote so the Board could consider whether it would be beneficial to have a full time deputy or on an hourly basis, then the Selectmen could create a warrant article for approval at the annual town meeting in March. Joe concurred saying he would like to look at everything and asked Michael when he could get back with the information. Michael told the Board he would come back next week with an outline for them to look at.

Colleen Cormack:

Joe told Colleen he has spoken with Todd Frechette who works for the Conway solid waste facility who told him the workers do not want the closure of the facility on Sundays as they will lose up to 15% of their pay. According to their union contract, their hours cannot be reduced resulting in a pay cut.

Colleen noted a discrepancy as to whether Albany and Eaton have a vote on the Solid Waste District Board. The original agreement in 1988 allowed for a five member board comprised of three Conway members, an Albany member and an Eaton member. A quorum must be present to conduct the meeting and a 2/3 vote was needed for approvals. On June 8, 2004, an ordinance was created stating the Selectmen may seek advice from the Solid Waste District Board but do not have to take it.

Colleen has been trying to sort out the details but has no definitive answers at this point. She will continue trying to get to the bottom of it. Colleen noted it could be that Albany and Eaton were not present for so many years and decisions needed to be made so Conway met and made the decisions and over the years of changes the agreement could have been forgotten. Colleen is also trying to find out if Albany and Eaton forfeited the original agreement by not being there. Sara thought the Lower Mount Washington Valley Solid Waste District may have incorporated at the time the original agreement was put in place. The AA will investigate the Secretary of State's website to see if it is registered with the state.

Public Comment:

Lee commented the Law Enforcement Forum was well planned out but he was displeased at the turnout saying it was almost an embarrassment. He went on to say there must be a better way to get the word out to the citizens. He also thought the Planning Board should have curtailed their meeting so they could attend the forum. It would be a few more faces present. The AA told Lee every possible venue she could think of was used to get the word out.

NonPublic Session:

At 4:10 p.m. Sara made a motion to move into nonpublic session citing RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor. Roll call was unanimous in the affirmative.

At 4:23 p.m., Sara motioned to move into public session, seconded by Jack and all were in favor.

At 4:24 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.

At 4:25 p.m., Sara made a motion to adjourn, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

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