

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

July 21, 2010

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

Regular Business:

- Review & approve July 14 minutes-Sara made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Joe seconded the minutes and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$46,266.38
- Reviewed one tabled building permit—see below-Building Permit
- Reviewed & approved one tabled sign permit—Joe made a motion to approve the sign permit as the Planning Board had reviewed and approved of the A-frame sign. Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Reviewed & approved four pistol permits
- Reviewed & approved Quarterly Employment Report
- Signed deed waivers
- Reviewed air conditioning options—Joe motioned to purchase either one or two portable AC units pending available funds in the budget. Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed two violation letters
- Reviewed e-mails regarding Mitigation Plan
- Reviewed letters from Time Warner Cable
- NonPublic Session RSA 91-A:3—See below

Roads:

Joe asked the AA to ask Curtis Coleman, Road Agent, to be more specific on his invoices. One invoice in particular said fixed washed out shoulders but did not say where. Joe would like to see the street name on the invoice.

Building Permit:

Carole Cotton and the caretaker of her property came before the Board to see if her tabled building permit could be approved. Joe said he had a question on the drawing noting the proposed shed was nine feet from the building and the trailers sitting beside the building were not shown on the sketch. Carole replied that a builder had created the drawing. Joe made a motion to table

the permit until a sketch with the trailers could be submitted. Sara noted it would not make a difference in the Board's ultimate decision. Joe disagreed saying if the ground were to be built up for the shed it would disrupt the wetlands. Carole told Joe it was not on wetlands and the posts where the shed will be built are sitting on the property. Carole's caretaker told the Board that the back side of the new structure will be two feet from the trailer.

Sara made a motion to approve the building permit contingent upon the submission of a sketch showing all existing structures, including the storage trailers. Jack seconded the motion and all were not in favor. Jack asked Carole if the proposed shed would be on dry land. Carole replied yes.

Joe then inquired about the signs Carole has posted on her property and that the number of signs exceeds what is allowed in Albany's ordinance. Carole replied the signs would come down the following day. Jack said to get permits for them and it would be fine. Joe told Carole to look at the sign ordinance and come into compliance. It was not necessary to take them down. Carole said she would come into compliance.

Colleen Cormack:

Colleen Cormack came before the Board to discuss the energy audit performed on the Town Hall and the effects of the rising fees at the transfer station for furniture, etc.

Joe stated he asked the employee at the transfer station about what the fees go toward. He told Joe it went toward offsetting the budget.

Colleen told the Board that usually this furniture is being thrown away by people who can't afford the fees, leaving them to abandon it outside or burning it or cutting it up into pieces and disposing of it as rubbish. Colleen wondered why in this economy Conway would quadruple the amount of the fees. She feels that this needs to be addressed because of what's happening very quickly. She has seen an increase just in her neighborhood of furniture being left because the people just couldn't afford the expense to bring to the dump. She feels this will continue to get worse. Colleen said she is willing to sit on a committee and represent Albany for this matter. She called Conway who replied they sent letters out to surrounding towns inviting them to sit on such a committee with no response, so the matter had been dropped. Sara told Colleen Albany is part of a regional co-op with Conway and should be part of all decisions to raise fees. Colleen had inquired to Conway as to why

the solid waste bill had gone up and was told it was in part due to the decline in the construction industry, which they rely on for waste debris.

Colleen would like to see the committee reinvigorated and agreed to participate. Jack made a motion to appoint Colleen to the committee, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor. Colleen suggested the Selectmen send a letter to Mr. Degliangelo in Conway to see if the committee can be revived and have things move forward. She would like to see why the rates have risen so much, if a program could be started for low income people, maybe piggy-backing another program such as welfare or fuel assistance, if they qualify for one of those programs then they receive a reduced rate.

Colleen said the energy audit report had a good summary of the Town Hall's needs and noted we have room for improvement. Jack said most notable was the completion of insulating the duct work in the ceiling. Colleen replied yes it would probably be the most costly item on the list but probably the most important.

Colleen then read over the list of recommendations from the audit with additional suggestions about how we reach these goals. The Board agreed that a list would be compiled from high priority to low and would pick away at the list one by one.

Miscellaneous:

Sara motioned to table the decision to purchase the portable Air Conditioning units until the budget could be reviewed. Joe made a motion to have the AA review the budget and if money was available she is authorized to purchase at least one, if not two for each office. Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jack noted he will not be at the Selectmen's meeting scheduled for August 4.

NonPublic Session:

At 5:30 p.m. Joe made a motion to move into nonpublic session citing RSA 91-A:3 II (b)&(c). Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

At 5:40 p.m., Jack motioned to move into public session, seconded by Joe and all were in favor.

At 5:41 p.m. it was determined that the minutes shall not be publicly disclosed. Jack motioned to seal the minutes, to not publicly disclose the

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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. Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Legal Counsel:

Jack made a motion to use the Mitchell Group for future municipal legal services. Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Traffic:

Jack noted that the rumble strips on Route 16 that end in Ossipee should be extended up to and through Albany. Jack made a motion that the Board sends a letter to NHDOT in addition to our Representatives and the newspaper for this request. Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

At 5:45 p.m., Jack made a motion to adjourn, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
Administrative Assistant