Minutes
Albany NH Selectmen’s Meeting
March 28, 2012

At 3:40 p.m., the Selectmen’s meeting was called to order. In attendance were Joe Ferris, Jack Rose and Sara Young-Knox. Also present were Brian Taylor and Steve Knox. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved March 1 minutes-Jack made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling $5,340.46.
- Reviewed & signed letter of deficiency.
- Reviewed letter from Time Warner Cable.

Nancy Drew:

Joe reported that Nancy had boarded up her burned house as promised. Jack did not agree that enough had been done. He thinks the house still poses a public health threat and pressure to take it down should be applied. Brian Taylor said he doesn’t believe Nancy has the means to rebuild and therefore no reason to move forward with the immediate razing of the building. Joe believes she will rebuild saying she has done a lot of work. He would like to give her the benefit of the doubt.

Brian Taylor (Health Officer):

Brian and the Board discussed the process of inspection and possible condemnation of a rental unit in Golden Oaks. It may cause a family to be displaced but from a verbal description of the unit, it is not safe for the family to remain there. Brian is going to communicate with Shawn Bergeron for legal advice as to the authority to enter the unit and he would also like approval from the Town’s legal counsel before proceeding. The Board agreed with Brian’s plan. Once he consults with Shawn Bergeron, the AA will contact Jae Whitelaw, town counsel.

Steve Knox (Conservation Commission):

Steve informed the Board that the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust has hired a consultant who would like a survey to be completed by each member of the
Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. The consultant would then like to set up a meeting with all Boards on either the 10th or 18th of April. The surveys should be submitted at that time.

**Miscellaneous:**

Jack made a motion to approve the current town website be transferred from the current local software based program to a new web based program, Sara seconded the motion, Joe abstained.

Jack would like the AA to contact the Sheriff's Department to have them release the so called “crime scene” on Jon Munro’s property on Bald Hill Road so he may begin to remove the dilapidated mobile home. Jon had previously refused to remove the mobile home because he said the Sheriff’s Department had never released the scene many years ago.

The Selectmen would also like to know if the Sheriff’s Department still plans to set up a satellite office here at town hall.

Jack discussed the grandfathering of recreational vehicles. Steve suggested the Board take an inventory of current recreational vehicles, so when something changes, the owners may be notified of the new ordinances. He feels this is a good starting point. Jack also noted large storage trailers should be taxed just as a shed is and should meet the setback requirements set forth in Albany’s zoning ordinances. Joe suggested contacting Local Government Center for legal advice.

Jack told the Board he serves as Albany’s representative to the North Country Council as well as Rob Nadler. He is also on the Board of Directors for the North Country Council and recently joined a committee for the North Country Council. Jack is requesting mileage reimbursement for his trips to the meetings in Bethlehem. Joe said Jack should be reimbursed if he is attending the meetings as Albany’s representative, not the North Country Council’s representative. Jack replied it is indirectly associated as he is on a regional committee. Joe felt that is was not for Albany. Sara asked Jack to research how other towns treat it. Jack will look into it.

At 4:45 p.m., Joe made a motion to adjourn, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.
Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
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