

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

November 4, 2009

At 4:00 p.m. the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Jack Rose and Sara Young-Knox. Also present were Lee Grant, June Johnson, Steve Knox and Brian Taylor. Curtis Coleman arrived at 4:45 p.m.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved October 28 minutes
- Signed checks
- Reviewed & approve two building permits and one demolition
- Reviewed health officer's report of inspection—**see below**
- Reviewed DRA Community Action Report
- Discussed 11/2/09 meeting regarding Valley Vision and production class at Kennett High School—**see below**

Valley Vision Meeting:

Sara Young-Knox informed the Board that she had attended the meeting with other Selectmen Boards along with Mike DiGregorio who initiated this meeting. This year Conway will be negotiating its contract with Time Warner. Conway uses their franchise fees to pay Valley Vision and the rest funds a teaching position for a production class at Kennett High School. The problem is that the funding is low and will be gone at year end. Mike told the group that the only Towns that are paying Valley Vision are Conway, Albany and Fryeburg. He noted that Madison funds their own productions and has a contract with Valley Vision. Valley Vision and Channel 3 are two different entities. Valley Vision is a nonprofit organization and Conway has used channel 3 to view programming shown on Valley Vision. Currently Bartlett, Jackson, Freedom and Tamworth do not receive channel 3. Bartlett wants to get back into funding Valley Vision to support the school program. Mike never heard back from the Jackson Selectmen. The Selectmen of Tamworth had differing opinions because their entire town is not wired to Time Warner. Freedom has no access because their wiring comes from a different substation and would require changing the infrastructure. Crow Dickinson suggested that each town have one person to represent them and know their contract with Time Warner. Sara suggested that Albany find someone with a legal background to read our contract and represent Albany.

Miscellaneous:

Sara suggested that with all of the legal questions that the Board has for town counsel, Peter Malia, that the Board should set an appointment to meet at Peter's office so as to not have any interruptions and Peter could have pertinent information within arm's reach. The AA will contact Peter for an appointment.

Jack was asked by the Economic Council to generate a letter from the Albany Board of Selectmen stating why the Tech Village is an asset, list its services and mail it to Senator Judd Gregg, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Representative Carol Shea-Porter and Representative Paul Hodes. Its purpose would be so they could receive grant monies in the near future.

Jack attended a recent meeting of the Tri County Transportation Board. They discussed the three fixed routes that are proposed for the public buses. There will be two trips per day going south and two trips heading north. The first route would be from Memorial Hospital in North Conway to Route 113 at Coleman's, follow 113 back to Route 16 in Chocorua Village and continue south on Route 16 to McDonald's in West Ossipee. The second route would be from McDonald's in West Ossipee to Wolfeboro. The third route would be from McDonald's in West Ossipee to Laconia. Jack said the object is to make it friendly for commuters. Jack added that there will be "demand" buses to take people from outside of the fixed routes to the fixed routes. Jack reported that NHDOT is insisting that Tri County put out a proposal for bids on running the buses. He said he is 100% against a private company running the buses but a private company claims they will be run out of business once this public transportation becomes available. Jack is hoping once the budget becomes public that private bidders will not be interested. He feels the best interest is for the county to run it. It is efficient and this has been proven in Coos and Grafton counties.

Brian Taylor inspected a mobile home owned by Les Horn. He cited many health and safety violations. He would like to proceed by taking the proper steps to insist that Les comply with RSA 48-A:14, minimum standards established. He will be contacting Louise Hannon for direction.

Curtis Coleman:

Jack told Curtis he was concerned with the amount of maintenance that was being put into the cul de sac at the end of Nickerson Rd. Curtis agreed there was a lot of maintenance going into the cul de sac. He said it could be paved next week for approximately \$6800 with two inches of black top. Jack made

a motion to pave the cul de sac. Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jack asked Curtis if he had any maintenance plans for the roads of Albany. Curtis said he would like to see a warrant article for 2010 Town Meeting in the amount of \$50,000 to seal certain roads to be named. Jack and Sara agreed it would be a good idea.

Miscellaneous:

The AA informed the Board that since there is no Selectmen's meeting next week because of the Veteran Day holiday, their next meeting will be with JoJo Belleville from the Department of Revenue on Tuesday, November 17 at 2:00. The Board can either meet twice that week to conduct normal business or can conduct the normal business after meeting with JoJo. Sara Young-Knox made a motion to conduct all business on Tuesday November 17 at 2:00 p.m. Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

At 5:05 p.m. Sara Young-Knox made a motion to adjourn. Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
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