

## **Minutes**

### **Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting**

**October 10, 2012**

At 3:30 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Joe Ferris, Jack Rose and Sara Young-Knox. Also present were Dave Mercier, Cpl. Brittany Perley and Lt. Michael Santuccio. The following business was conducted.

#### **Regular Business:**

- Reviewed & approved October 3 minutes-Jack made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$6,180.02.
- Reviewed & approved one septic design.
- Profile Subaru update-See Below
- Almost There update-See Below
- Administrative report-See Below
- Budget Committee-See Below

#### **Cpl. Brittany Perley & Lt. Michael Santuccio (Sheriff Dept.):**

Lt. Santuccio and Cpl. Perley approached the Board as they are concerned with the security of the town offices. There had been an incident last week and two weeks prior to that. The Town basically runs a one man show and it is a security risk. The Board agreed. Sara said at the next town meeting the Selectmen could budget for some kind of wall at the entrance of the Selectman office as it is wide open. Cpl. Perley suggested getting a door that only the top half would be opened with a counter top. The bottom part could be locked. Lt. Santuccio added Albany is a small town but it has issues. Sara noted that it just takes one person.

Joe asked if the Sheriff Department still intended on moving into the office space behind the Selectmen's office. Lt. Santuccio said it would not happen at this point. Joe thought it may deter some people if a sign was posted noting the Sheriff Department had a satellite office here. Jack agreed the sign would help.

Lt. Santuccio thought a surveillance camera in the main hallway tied into the Selectmen's computer may be a cheap alternative until town meeting and this may deter criminal activity. Joe asked the AA if there may be money in

the budget to cover this cost. Kathy replied yes. Lt. Santuccio added that having one person here is a concern and Albany is not as small as everyone pretends. Cpl. Perley noted the office is accessible. Lt. Santuccio said there are enough residential areas in Albany to cause concern especially when people become desperate.

Jack asked how quickly the response would be to a panic button alert. Lt. Santuccio responded the call would come to the Sheriff Department and if they were not in the vicinity, the State Police would be alerted and if they were not close, either Conway or the Madison Police Departments would be notified.

Lt. Santuccio suggested testing the panic buttons once a month to ensure proper operation. He also suggested posting a sign after the video cameras are installed that the premises are being videoed. Jack thought a sign noting the Sheriff's Department substation would help too. Sara thought the sign may attract people looking for Sheriff's Deputies and it may be a nuisance more than helpful.

Jack told Lt. Santuccio and Cpl. Perley that he has heard positive feedback with reflection of the fact that the Sheriff's Department is doing patrols within the town. Jack said it was a good move. Jack asked how the patrols were going. Lt. Santuccio replied they were going status quo and meeting their purpose.

Jack asked if the situation has improved in Piper Meadows (formerly Golden Oaks) since the new owner had taken over. Lt. Santuccio replied after speaking with dispatch, they believe the call volume had been cut in half especially after the dog officer had paid a few visits; this made a huge difference. Cpl. Perley added there has been a good connection with the new owner and most of the deputies drive through while on detail. Lt. Santuccio and Cpl. Perley left the meeting.

**Dave Mercier (Underwood Engineers):**

Dave introduced himself to the Board saying he works for Underwood Engineers who was representing the Conway Village Fire District (CVFD) on a project they are hoping to proceed with.

Presently the water main on Peqwauket Dr. in Conway ends on a dead end. The water gets stale and the water pressure low as it approaches Cranmore Shores Rd. CVFD would like to create a water main loop to improve water quality and pressure. Dave showed the Board a map of the proposed project.

Dave told the Board they are currently working on Peqwauket Dr. The majority of the proposed project is within the Albany town lines. He asked the Board if the request would be acceptable with an interest to leave water service to the property owners along the loop. Dave discussed the specifics as to where the water main would lie. Dave told the Board it was intended that if a dirt road was dug up, it would remain a dirt road; if a paved road was dug up it would remain paved. The main would tie in at Bald Hill Rd., continue down Route 16, and then pass across Brookside Rd., under the brook to Bridge St. and back to Peqwauket Dr. Dave said just over 50% of the project is funded by grants.

Joe thought Curtis should give his opinion as to digging up the roads. Sara suggested the town engineer should give his opinion along with an amount for the road bond on the water tank replacement project. Sara also suggested a public hearing be held for the residents of Brookside Rd. for their input toward the project.

Jack told Dave the Board felt that a section of Bald Hill Rd. took a beating from the last construction project. Dave had spoken with the CVFD Commissioners regarding this and they felt any damage was minimal and the road was not in pristine condition to begin with. Dave said he would be willing to meet with someone for a site review. Jack thought that would be worthwhile. Dave said he would call him with a date and time. Jack asked the AA where in the budget the town could pay for the engineer's services. Dave replied on behalf of CVFD, it would be their responsibility and as the plans develop, Albany's engineer should be involved. Sara said she is okay with the conceptual plans.

Dave said the proposed schedule is aggressive and he is looking toward the Board to see if the plans can move ahead. Joe would like the engineer to look at the plans and if they are acceptable we can go forward. Jack said he thought all of the commercial lots would most likely welcome this project.

Dave said he will wait to hear from the AA after the town's engineer review before proceeding. Jack replied yes. Sara told the AA to e-mail the town engineer regarding the matter of this meeting. Dave Mercier left the meeting.

### **Profile Motors Update:**

Sara told the Board she was informed that Profile Motors paid the town's engineer for his services regarding his review of Profile Motors site plan review and their building permit had been paid for and picked up. Sara

asked if the Code Enforcement Officer had made a recent inspection. The AA replied she did not receive a response from a recent e-mail to him. Sara thought it should be inspected again before the snow season begins.

**Almost There Update:**

Sara asked if there had been any interaction from the owner of Almost There. The AA replied the Planning Board Secretary had made contact with the owner although an appointment had not been made yet for a revised site plan review. Joe thought if nothing occurred this fall, the owner should be stopped in the spring when he tries to expand the outdoor patio again. Sara said he was supposed to get a revised site plan review when he expanded his parking area and is already in violation. The AA will advise the Planning Board Secretary to contact the owner of Almost There again.

**Bald Hill Rd. Property:**

Joe asked if there had been any update on Jon Munro's property. The AA replied there had not and she will contact Jon Munro Jr.

**Jim Goldman:**

Jack asked if a bill had been sent to Jim Goldman regarding the damage done to Cook Farm Rd. at the end of Aviation Dr. as agreed upon by Rich Slingsby who represented Jim Goldman and the Board of Selectmen. Joe suggested a call be placed to Rich. The AA suggested the \$7,000 agreed upon may qualify as a gift and may require a public hearing by the Selectmen to accept the gift. The AA suggested it may also fall under unanticipated revenue which may be spent by the Selectmen without the vote at Town Meeting but still may require a public hearing to accept it. Joe asked if it was truly a gift. Jack interpreted it as Jim Goldman feels he did damage to the road and he is giving money to the Town to repair it. Joe said Jim Goldman is designating money to repair the road so technically it is not a gift. Joe thinks Rich should be called. Sara suggested sending a letter to Jim Goldman for his files or possibly contacting Rich to see how he would like to handle it.

**Budget Committee:**

Sara told the Board since there is typically no interest in the municipal budget hearings that take place yearly; it would be nice to form a committee to look at the municipal budget. We don't have to go to the degree of a formal budget committee with statutory authority but it would be nice to have a committee not related to this office or the Board to look at the budget with

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fresh eyes. An advisory committee. Jack thought it was a good idea. Sara asked that it be put in the paper to see if anyone would be interested and they contact the Selectmen's office.

**Administrative Assistant Report:**

Kathy told the Board that Curtis Coleman, Road Agent, has successfully contracted with property owner Alonzo Hill for a turnaround at the Albany/Madison town lines in the amount of \$500 annually. Madison will reimburse Albany \$250.

Steve Parker has another abandoned mobile home that will be inspected by the Health Officer as soon as it has been empty for 60 days. This deadline is approaching soon and the Selectmen will receive the Health Officer's report of his findings.

At 4:30 p.m., Joe motioned to adjourn, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard  
Administrative Assitant