

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

October 20, 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 were Rob Nadler, Lee Grant and June Johnson. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved October 13 minutes as amended. Sara made a motion to amend the minutes as Steve Knox called into the meeting rather than joined the meeting to ask for a Selectman alternate appointment to the Planning Board. Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor. Sara made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$6,324.50
- Reviewed & approved one pistol permit
- Discussed exemption for White Mountain Waldorf School—see below Assessor
- Reviewed e-mail from Kim Guptill, School Treasurer
- Reviewed e-mail from Mike Conroy regarding chapel progress and cutting two trees that have grown too close to the chapel—all board members agreed the two trees should be cut as it will increase the air flow surrounding the chapel.
- Reviewed e-mail from Sara Young-Knox—Jack made a motion to use Sara's e-mail as a letter to Tom Wagner regarding the Selectmen's disapproval of the National Forest's acquisition of property in Wonalancet, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Reviewed e-mail from Matt Goodwin, owner of Kancamagus website—Jack made a motion to create a link from Albany's website to the Kancamagus website, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Reviewed & signed letter to outgoing District Ranger Terry Miller thanking him for his years of service and support to Albany.
- Reviewed letter from Terry Miller to NH State Conservation Committee.
- Reviewed DRA Community Action Report
- Reviewed letter from Time Warner Cable

Miscellaneous:

Jack made a motion to create an annual warrant article for the town meeting that would object to any further purchase of land in Albany by the National Forest Service, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Sara made a motion to appoint Jack as Selectmen's alternate Planning Board member, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jack discussed a recently approved driveway on Bald Hill Rd. He feels it is in a dangerous area as it is blind to the northern bound traffic. He asked Joe if the Planning Board had reviewed the application approved by Curtis Coleman, Road Agent. Joe did not recall the application. Jack said if this driveway is permanent, he would like to see the trees cut at the end of the driveway so as to create a safer entrance/exit. The AA will speak with David Maudsley, Planning Board Advisor, to see if he recalls a review by the Planning Board. Jack would like the application referred to the Planning Board if it has not already been reviewed.

Joe asked the AA if she received a reply from the road agent regarding the width of Bald Hill Rd. She did not receive a reply. Joe suggested sending it via e-mail with a priority flag.

Assessor:

Jason Call, Northtown Associates, joined the meeting to discuss his progress on his statistical update and the completion of his cyclical work. Jason reported he is about 90% complete on the cyclical work and the statistical work is in progress. Jason feels confident to use the data of the remaining 10% of the town because it will be adjusted with the statistical data. He gave the option of completing the remaining 10% of the cyclical work to be complete within a few weeks. The Board agreed to allow Jason to complete his cyclical work.

Jason next discussed the White Mountain Waldorf School's request for an abatement and exemption from property taxes. The Waldorf has two parcels, one of which is vacant, two acres, and the other, 76 acres, houses the school buildings. The town requested additional information on the usage of the vacant lot and the remainder of the occupied lot. After review, Jason suggested the Board request an agreement of payment in lieu of taxes in exchange for the exemption of the vacant lot. Sara made a motion to agree to exempt both parcels and see if they will agree to make a payment in lieu of taxes, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Junkyard:

Joe asked the AA to send the junkyard pictures to Jae Whitelaw, town attorney, to see how specific the detailed list of violations should be if at all.

Rob Nadler:

Rob discussed the North Country Council meeting held at the Albany Town Hall discussing the bypass. He handed out draft notes from the meeting and told the Board they are asking for comments. Rob asked the Board's permission to offer the town hall as a meeting place for any future meetings as it is central to many. Sara and Jack agreed the hall could be used for future meetings.

Cemetery Trustee:

Based upon a recommendation from a lawyer at the Local Government Center, Joe made a motion to not compensate one member of the Cemetery Trustees as he is not fulfilling his commitment. The member has not attended any meetings or assisted in any of the activities the remaining members have coordinated, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

At 4:55 p.m., Jack made a motion to adjourn, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
Administrative Assistant