

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

October 17, 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 was Domenic Richardi. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved October 17 minutes-Jack made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$3,646.91.
- Reviewed invitation to Mount Washington Valley Economic Council annual meeting-Jack and Camille and Sara and Steve will attend.
- Reviewed e-mail from Kathy Carrier-Kathy will be willing to participate in the budget advisory committee. Jack informed the Board Rob Nadler would also be willing to participate and Cindy Hansen may be the third member of the group. She has not committed yet. Joe volunteered to be the Selectmen's representative to the committee.
- Reviewed Property Liability Trust renewal rate-there will not be an increase in the rate next year.

Domenic Richardi (candidate for Sheriff):

Domenic told the Board he was lucky enough to win the primary in the race for Sheriff but must continue to the end. He would like to see Albany continue what it is doing with the Sheriff Department and he is glad it is working.

Domenic added that Albany had come up in a police chief meeting recently asking what direction Albany was going as far as obtaining police coverage. They noted having to respond to a few calls and didn't know if the town would talk about it down the road. Jack told Domenic it was basically agreed upon at the police forum held at the Albany Town Hall two years ago it would be less expensive to contract with the Sheriff Department for patrols and rely on the State Police and Sheriff Departments for emergency responses.

Domenic said he wasn't sure how far the budgeted \$20,000 was going and was it enough at four hour shifts here and there. Jack said it was going very well noting that Corporal Perley and Lieutenant Santuccio recently reported things were going in the right direction. Domenic added that if the town chose to go any further, they would run into additional costs such as a cruiser, uniforms and employment costs.

Joe told Domenic he would like to see the Sheriff's satellite office back here at town hall after the upcoming election. Domenic replied it was a good idea and it worked out the last time they used the office space. Jack said even if the office wasn't set up it would be a good idea to have a sign outside noting the satellite office to deter criminal activity. Domenic said he would be for that and having the office in the building.

Jack told Domenic there has been a big improvement in Piper Meadows, the former Golden Oaks Community. With additional patrols and new ownership of the park, it was something to be thankful for.

Domenic told the Board he has a debate coming up on October 29th at the Good & Eats restaurant in Wakefield at 7:00 p.m. It will be taped by Government Oversight.

Domenic disagrees that large towns with their own police departments should be discounted in their county taxes because they do not use the county's dispatch system. There are other services they use much more than small towns and the smaller towns would have to pick up the tab. Jack thought the system may need reorganization. Domenic didn't think towns should be able to pick and choose from the county services.

The Board thanked Domenic for his time and wished him well in the election. Domenic left the meeting.

Tin Mountain:

The Selectmen's office was contacted by Tin Mountain this week regarding their expiring occupancy permit that is typically issued by Albany's Fire Chief. The Board has not filled the vacant position of Fire Chief, however this service may be provided by the Conway Fire Chief as it is in Albany's Fire and Rescue Contract. The AA will contact Chief Solomon to carry out this task.

Cook Farm Rd.:

Sara asked if there was any response from Road Agent Curtis Coleman regarding fixing Cook Farm Rd. before winter. The AA replied she e-mailed him today and he has not responded back yet.

Conway Village Fire District (CVFD):

Jack met with Dave Mercier, engineer for CVFD, and Burr Phillips, Civil Solutions, for Albany at the Bald Hill Rd. water tank replacement site. Burr laid out what he thought was appropriate. Dave was concerned but said he would bring it back to the Conway Commissioners. Jack thinks it would be a good neighbor policy if they want Albany's help by allowing them to continue their water main loop through Albany, that in return, they fix the road damage from their previous construction. This should be done after the water tank replacement on Bald Hill Rd. as there may be additional damage to the road after that project is complete.

At 4:16 p.m., Joe made a motion to adjourn, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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