

Minutes
Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting
October 7, 2009

At 4:00 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Jack Rose, Dan Sdankus and Sara Young-Knox. Also present were Dick Van Dyne and Mike DiGregorio. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved September 23 & September 30 minutes
- Signed checks
- Reviewed & approved one building permit
- Reviewed & approved one pistol permit
- Reviewed & tabled one license to sell pistols and revolvers—The Board would like formal approval from Planning Board
- Reviewed & signed Quarterly Wage Report
- Reviewed e-mails from Peter Malia—see below
- Reviewed letter from NH Municipal Energy Assistance Program
- Reviewed Memo from North Country Council
- Reviewed letter from NH Charitable Foundation—see below
- Reviewed letter from Judd Gregg

Peter Malia:

The Board reviewed e-mail recommendations from Peter Malia, town counsel, as to how to proceed with two camping trailers that are placed on Bald Hill Road; one of which has had a structure built around it without an approved building permit. Jack made a motion to have Peter Malia send a certified letter to the property owner notifying them to come into compliance with Albany's Zoning Ordinances. Dan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The second recommendation from Peter was for the Board to forward the same letter that was mailed certified to Brad Donaldson to his lawyer Diana Fauver, which requested park rules and regulations in addition to lot owner information. Dan made a motion to forward the letter to Diana Fauver. Sara Young-Knox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Dick Van Dyne asked the Board what would happen if the property owner of the camping trailers on Bald Hill Road does not respond to Peter. Jack replied that Peter will file a court order to cease and desist.

NH Charitable Foundation:

Sara Young-Knox suggested that the Board ask the NH Charitable Foundation if the Town's account balance could be used for the Chapel renovations, before reinvesting it at year end. The Board agreed to see if the current balance could be used toward renovating the Chapel.

Mike DiGregorio:

Mike came before the Board as a representative of the Conway Selectmen. He told the Board that he has been travelling to all of the towns in the area that send their school children to Conway, Albany being one of them. Conway is currently renegotiating their contract with Time Warner. Mike has been surveying customers to ask how they think things are going with Time Warner and Valley Vision. The response has been that more participation from "sending towns" is wanted.

Mike also informed the Board of a current program that goes on within the high school. They have a live feed within the school and currently it is only available within the school. He hopes that eventually this live feed will extend to Valley Vision and all of its viewers. It is a video production program and is an accredited class. This class has been funded through the Conway Selectmen office using franchise fees from Time Warner. Although it was noted that PEG money is good to use for education, this program is more expensive than the revenue that it generates; the account is dwindling and will be empty by year end. Mike also told the Board he understands that Albany receives \$4000 in franchise fees from Time Warner and through approved petitioned warrant article at the Annual Town Meeting; Albany pays Valley Vision \$2500 per year. He would like to ask Albany to appropriate all \$4000 to Valley Vision for the purpose of continuing the high school program.

Mike concluded by telling the Board of a meeting to discuss the information, get towns to become more involved and tour the high school production area in addition to seeing a presentation by the students and another by Valley Vision. This meeting will take place on Monday, November 2, at the high school. Eventually, Mike would like to see a Board consisting of a representative from each town to oversee the curriculum of the program as it is not a School Board curriculum.

Miscellaneous:

Sara Young-Knox attended the 10 year highway plan meeting. She said although informative, she learned that the cost of the bypass is in excess of its funding.

At 4:53 p.m., Jack made a motion to adjourn, Sara Young-Knox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
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