

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

September 12, 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. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved September 5 minutes as amended-Joe made a motion to amend the minutes replacing "Joe asked if the easement allows for mowing the field" with "Joe was concerned that if the fields were going to be used for hay by a private farmer, it may be considered a commercial use and he asked if that was allowed through the easement," Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor. Joe made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$3,962.93.
- Reviewed & approved one timber intent, driveway permit and timber agreement.
- Reviewed invitation to North Country Council Annual Meeting-Jack and Camille will attend as well as Steve and Sara.

Miscellaneous:

Joe was told by a resident who spoke with Carol Cotton of "Our Favorite Things" that Carol was told by someone at town hall she could not live at her place of business. Joe said someone used to live there and thought Carol should be allowed to live there. Sara said if she wants to live there then she should come to us and ask but she may need to be granted a special exception through the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Jack asked if someone lived there before then why not now. Sara replied because it is a store now. She should be approved for an accessory use with conditions. Jack would like to know if it was a combined use previously. Sara noted she read about a Zoning Board of Adjustment case where a similar case was approved but as an accessory use for only the owner to use. If she comes back and asks again, we can look at her site plan review and see what she was approved for. Joe would like to look at the site plan review. Sara said if she has never lived there before, she should go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Joe said it was a commercial establishment before she bought it and she should be allowed to

live there. He added it would fall under the cottage industry. Carol's site plan will be reviewed.

Jack asked if Curtis reported back with a conclusion regarding the Bald Hill Rd. damage and Conway Village Fire District. Joe replied no he had not. Jack said paving had been done on an adjoining road and it would have been a perfect time to pave over the damaged area of Bald Hill Rd. Jack asked the AA to contact Curtis to see what he has found out. Joe noted the Conway Village Fire District will be replacing a water tank on Bald Hill Rd. and Albany can require a road bond for that project.

Jack admitted he was remiss at last week's meeting for not going on the record to show appreciation to Rob Nadler, Conservation Commission Chairman, for negotiating a reduction of \$4,000 in Albany's final cost to the Trust for Public Land. This completes the purchase of the Albany Town Forest. Thank you Rob!

At 3:50 p.m., Joe made a motion to adjourn, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
Administrative Assistant