

## **Minutes**

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

**September 26, 2012**

At 3:30 p.m., the Selectmen's office was called to order. In attendance were Joe Ferris and Jack Rose. The following business was conducted.

#### **Regular Business:**

- Reviewed & approved September 19 minutes-Jack made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$18,258.05.
- Reviewed & signed a pistol permit.
- Reviewed & approved escrow release for Civil Solutions, LLC.
- Reviewed & approved Federal & State reimbursement application.
- Reviewed & approved MS-1.
- Reviewed e-mail from Curtis Coleman.
- Reviewed letter from MacIver Transportation-will have Curtis look into putting school bus stop signs on Bald Hill Rd. at the intersection of Cook Farm Rd.
- Reviewed Tamworth Public Hearing notice
- Reviewed Local Government Center Public Hearing Notice

#### **Rich Slingsby (Overlook Construction Consultant):**

Rich came before the Board to discuss a change on the plans for the airstrip in Jim Goldman's subdivision. A cul de sac on the airstrip will be widened. Burr Philips, engineer for the town, approved and referred Rich to the Board. Both Jack and Joe agreed the amendment would be fine. Rich left the meeting.

#### **David Babson (Candidate for County Commissioner):**

Dave told the Board that he has been attending County Commissioner meetings for five and a half years and feels he can accomplish more by being one of three on the Board rather than part of the public. He asked the Selectmen if they had concerns. Jack replied a concern of his was the way the meetings are handled by the Commissioners. Dave agreed adding he will strive to bring the nonpublic sessions to a halt unless they are necessary.

Dave's number one concern is the number of employee grievances that have been filed. A lot of money has been spent on legal fees.

Dave would also like to see the budget cycle changed to a fiscal year. The legislators that make up the delegation approving the county budget are very busy at the time of year the budget is approved. The pressure would be off if the budget year began July 1 and it would work better. The problem is the first cycle would have to be an 18 month cycle meaning towns would have to budget and raise money for an 18 month period.

Dave would like to see the way Commissioners are elected changed. Currently a candidate has to come from the district he is running for but is voted in at large. He would like to have the voters vote only for a candidate from their own district.

Dave would also like to see the county farm expanded. The current farmer is doing a wonderful job and has increased revenue for the county every year since he began. He would like to see an increase in programs so the revenue may continue to grow.

Dave thinks the farm's 900 acres should be used for public recreation.

Dave noted towns are disputing with the county over paying for dispatch services they do not utilize. He supports the idea that towns should pay for their share of the mutual aid and have a discount for those who have their own dispatch. The county would not be able to take on all the towns in the county. They are not set up for that.

Dave is a believer that the UNH Co-op should be in Ossipee. The rent in Conway is \$43,000 per year. This could be an investment rather than an expense.

Dave would insist that public comment at the Commissioners meetings go back into the minutes of meetings.

Dave feels there should be a priority list for the nursing home allowing people who live in the county to be admitted before another who is higher on the list but does not live in the county.

Jack said the Commissioners need to act as a Board and not the head on head fighting that has occurred. The Commissioners need to work together. Dave replied he has been through six Commissioners and it has never been like this. Previous Commissioners all worked in the same direction and Dave is

seeing something totally different. Jack said the Commissioners should also work with the delegation. There has been no sharing of new technology throughout the county complex. There should be staff meetings bringing the technology together. Dave agreed saying the Sheriff Department's technology is high security so maybe their software shouldn't be shared but the phone system is a possibility. Jack replied the IT position needs to be looked at very strongly. Dave replied Dave Meiers used to be the IT person for the whole complex. When he couldn't handle it anymore, they went outside to replace him. Dave did agree that one person should be the IT person for the whole place. Jack thought it should be an onsite employee.

Dave thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting.

At 4:15 p.m., Joe motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard  
Administrative Assistant