

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

September 29, 2010

At 3:55 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Sara Young-Knox and Joe Ferris. Also present were Rita Wells, Steve Knox and Rob Nadler. The following business was conducted.

After the Board read a hand delivered letter from Mr. & Mrs. Roger Davies regarding their feelings of dissatisfaction toward the Tax Collector, Sara made a motion to draft a letter in return, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Board discussed the timing of the budget season. They would like to be well prepared. Sara noted the use of Zero Based budgeting method. Joe made a motion to ask Curtis Coleman, Road Agent, to create an itemization with dollar figures for his proposal of the 2011 budget, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved September 15 minutes-Sara made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$19,7693.32
- Reviewed & approved two pistol permits
- Reviewed & signed application for reimbursement from NHDRA
- Reviewed e-mail from Jae Whitelaw
- Reviewed draft letter from Jae Whitelaw to Hardy Family Trust
- Reviewed tabled building permit-Sara made a motion to deny the building permit as it would create a second dwelling on the property which does not comply with Albany's ordinance, Section III-A-2-b.
- Reviewed letter from NHDOT regarding rumble strips.
- Reviewed Notice of Decision in the case of Town of Albany vs. Marc Mills.
- Reviewed invitation to North Country Council Annual Meeting-Albany's representative, Rob Nadler will be attending in addition to Steve Knox, Sara Young-Knox, Jack and Camille Rose. Joe will check his schedule to see if he can attend.
- Reviewed invitation to MWVCC & MWVEC Annual Meeting-Albany's Representative, Rob Nadler will be attending in addition to Sara Young-Knox and Jack and Camille Rose.
- Reviewed letter from Town of Lincoln.

- Reviewed letter from NHDES.
- Reviewed letter from CDFA.
- Reviewed letter from Primex.

Old Business:

Joe suggested a phone call be made to Bob Boyd of Forest and Lands, Madison, to figure out what to do about the cutting of trees along the river on the Sweezey property. The AA will call Terry Miller of the Forest Service to see if there had been any follow up on their cease and desist order.

Domenic Richardi:

Domenic thanked the Town of Albany as it is the only town that he took every slate for the Sheriff office in the primary. He told the Board he appreciates it. He went on to say that he wants to become the Sheriff for the people. He is not a politician and he does not want to be held to one political party. Domenic added he hoped he had everyone's support and if not he hopes to be considered. Domenic feels his greatest asset is his experience. He served 18 years in the Sheriff Department and before that he served for four years on the Conway Police Department. He was the #3 lieutenant in the uniformed division and feels it is going in the wrong direction. Domenic felt as though his voice was not being heard which was frustrating. He officially retired from the Sheriff's Department on August 1, 2010, however with vacation time; he actually left the Department at the end of June to campaign for the Sheriff's Office.

Joe asked Domenic what his biggest concern is. Domenic responded the communication in the department and law enforcement community. They rely on each other for support and good communication is imperative. He added that communication was on the decline and he thinks it has deteriorated more in the past two years. Domenic said he has previously worked with all the police chiefs in the county and has a good feeling for their needs. He also has the experience to put it together and make it happen. Domenic said the current management is not working the best it can and with his experience and communication skills he feels that he is best suited to be Sheriff of Carroll County.

Domenic concluded by telling the Board that if elected he would like to reinstate the Drug Task Force. Although the State Police have a drug task force, this will be localized and more effective. Domenic thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting.

Rob Nadler:

Rob reminded the Board that the North Country Council would be at the Albany Town Hall the following evening for a discussion on the Conway Bypass. They expect between 15 and 40 people to attend. He wanted to make sure someone would be able to open and lock the doors as Jack probably wouldn't attend since he is ill. The AA will ensure the hall will be unlocked and locked afterward.

Rob also requested that a page for the Land Governance Board be added to Albany's website. The AA replied a list is being compiled so it can all be done at once.

Steve Knox:

Steve approached Tom Wagner of the Forest Service with his concern that the Forest Service is contemplating the purchase of a parcel of land in Wonalancet. Steve told the Board he did not want to send the wrong message to Tom because he has been very supportive of Albany's quest to purchase the Kennett property and he told Tom how appreciative Albany is for his support. Steve informed Tom of a warrant article that was overwhelmingly passed in 2002, directing the Board of Selectmen to strongly disapprove of any further purchase of land by the Forest Service. Tom replied he would take any of Albany's concerns into consideration. Sara added Tom thinks it is important to hear people's voices. On Tuesday, October 5, Terry Miller will hold a public hearing on the subject at the Albany Town Hall.

Steve also discussed with Tom, the right of way situated by the ranger station that would provide access to the back field of the Kennett property. Tom asked Steve if there was any other access to which Steve replied yes, a little further down on the Kancamagus there is an existing road system and with a little work could provide access to the back lot. Tom thought that access may be more favorable.

At 5:00 p.m., Joe made a motion to adjourn, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
Administrative Assistant