

Minutes
Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting
September 8, 2010

At 3:55 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Jack Rose, Sara Young-Knox and Joe Ferris. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved September 1 minutes-Jack made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$2,468.71
- Reviewed & approved two land use change tax warrants
- Reviewed & approved one pistol permit
- Reviewed & approved one sign permit application
- Reviewed & tabled one building permit application-Joe made a motion to table the building permit application, Sara seconded the motion citing they would like more information regarding the water and septic because they feel this could be considered permanent manufactured housing. They would like an opinion from the Mitchell Group and NHDES.
- Reviewed & approved two timber tax warrants
- Reviewed & approved one timber intent
- Reviewed letter mailed to Division of State Police
- Reviewed letter mailed to NHDOT from Tamworth Selectmen
- Reviewed letter mailed to NHDOT from Conway Selectmen
- Reviewed letter from the Coalition Communities
- Reviewed correspondence from Time Warner Cable
- Reviewed junkyard information forwarded from David Maudsley

Old Business:

Joe feels that the permanent yard sale at 1299 Bald Hill Rd. should be considered an illegal business that needs Planning Board approval and should be notified as such in addition to pushing his items for sale back off the Town's road right-of-way. Jack and Sara agreed with Joe's point of view and a letter will be written to the property owner.

Terry Miller:

Sara asked Terry if the Forest Service is buying property in Albany. Terry replied the Forest Service is in the position to purchase property consisting of 38 acres on Ferncroft Rd. Sara informed Terry that a few years ago, a warrant article was passed saying the Board of Selectmen will not support the purchase of anymore property by the White Mountain National Forest. Sara asked Terry if the Forest Service does get further toward this purchase, if he would hold a public hearing for input from Albany residents. Terry replied he would be willing to do that. Jack asked about the potential purchase of University of New Hampshire property. Terry replied it is also a possibility. One parcel is landlocked by National Forest and the other is surrounded by it and it has been in play for a long time, before David Urey was a Selectman. Jack agreed with Sara, saying before the Board acknowledges any acquisition of property being purchased by the Forest Service, a public hearing should be held as a courtesy. Sara added that she knows the Town has no jurisdiction but it would be nice for the voters of Albany to have a voice. Terry said he would like to do it fairly quickly as he is leaving his post at the Saco River District at the end of October. Terry noted the acquisition is probably not going to take place for a year or two. They are waiting for grants and funding to become available.

Terry also discussed the National Forest property across from Red Eagle Pond. He said not only is the cut path wide enough for an ATV but it's more like a highway from the back door of a home and over National Forest property in addition to two abutting property owners' yards have expanded into National Forest property. He noted the encroachments will be addressed. He will call the office for the property owners' names and addresses.

Curtis Coleman (Road Agent):

Jack asked Curtis how the road maintenance was going. Joe said it seemed to be a little off schedule as the swales had not been dug out and the crack sealing was not done on Bald Hill Rd. Curtis replied he was not going to crack seal Bald Hill Rd. as Drake Hill Rd. was more of a priority at this time. He is planning on liquid sealing and sanding Drake Hill Rd. before the situation becomes dire. Joe asked Curtis if he thought it might excel the deterioration of Bald Hill Rd. Curtis replied yes but not a lot and he had not done maintenance work on Drake Hill Rd. in years and feels it needs attention. Jack asked Curtis when Bald Hill Rd. would need liquid sealing. Curtis said years and he would crack seal it next year. Curtis reported he had worked on a lot of the culverts however not all of them. Joe said he was concerned about the swales and they need attention. Curtis told Joe the only way to permanently fix the swales would be to pave them and that would create fast moving water when it rained which is not good. Curtis continued

by saying it was not worth putting a backhoe on the job to dig out the swales. It would be a waste of money to dig it out, remove the vegetation, pat it, put material down and seed it. Additionally, it is late in the season to do that. Curtis strongly feels it is not worth spending the money.

Sara asked about the sand being poured over the side of Passaconaway Rd. by the sweepers. Curtis told Sara they usually do that where it would easily wash away. Sara replied it had been dumped into a footpath and the sand was deep. Curtis said they will dump it by the gates next time.

Jack asked if Curtis if he might need a warrant article placed on next year's warrant for additional maintenance. Curtis replied there are a lot of projects and they just need to be prioritized.

At 5:10 p.m., Jack made a motion to adjourn, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
Administrative Assistant