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Albany Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Albany, New Hampshire April 14, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.



1. Call to Order: Chairman Ferris called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Note: This meeting may be streamed at www.TownHallStreams.com and to participate you may call 1-480-660-5317. Use conference code 540682

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Ferris led the meeting in The Pledge.

3. Attendance: **In Person:** Selectman R. Hiland, Selectperson K. Golding, Town Administrator K. Collins; **By Phone:** Chairman J. Ferris (alone in the room) and Chapel Committee Chair, D. Solomon

4. New Business:

A. Approval of March 31, 2021 Selectmen's Meeting minutes

Selectman R. Hiland made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 31, 2021 Selectmen's Meeting, as presented. Selectperson K. Golding seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Chairman Ferris – aye; Selectman Hiland – aye; Selectperson Golding – aye. **Motion passed: 3-0-0**

B. Approval of April 14, 2021 consent file

__Review & Sign manifest in the amount of \$ 16,342.92, this includes payroll and accounts payable for 4/7/2021

__Review & Sign manifest in the amount of \$50,029.53, this includes payroll and accounts payable for 4/14/21 and payroll for 4/21/2021

__Review, discuss and approve a Building Permit for M9, L73 Crossover Road for additional truss on roof over deck

__Review, discuss and approve a Building Permit for M10, L5 High Street for finish basement with bathroom and bonus room

__Review, discuss and approve Intent to Excavate for M7, L58 Coleman's pit

__Review, discuss and approve Yield Tax Warrant for M7, L120 Operation 20-003-08

__Review, discuss and approve building permit for M8, L51 for adding reverse gable on existing farmer's porch

Selectman R. Hiland made the motion to accept the consent file of April 14, 2021, as presented. Selectperson K. Golding seconded. Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Ferris – aye; Selectman Hiland – aye; Selectperson Golding – aye. Motion passed: 3-0-0

C. Review and discuss email from Attorney Serge regarding inspection/inventory of “junk” on Gratch property

The TA reminded the Board that this was litigation that the town was successful in. On the advice of counsel the Board needs to inspect the property to come up with a plan for clean up. Selectman Hiland suggested either holding a board meeting down there and take photos and/or videos or authorizing the chairman to do the inspection. The Town Attorney noted that you should take a copy of the court order with you and Selectman Hiland feels that a sheriff's deputy should also accompany whomever inspects the property..

Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to authorize the Chairman to do the inspection with a sheriff's deputy. Selectman K. Golding seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Ferris – aye; Selectman Hiland – aye; Selectperson Golding – aye. **Motion passed: 3-0-0**

D. Review, discuss and approve Automobile Inspection Station for 1440 NH Route 16 – Unit B for Bergen Motor Works

Bergen Motor Works will be conducting inspections in the Property that Albany Service Center has recently vacated on Route 16.

Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to authorize the TA to fill out and sign the form for this inspection statement. Selectperson K. Golding seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Chairman Ferris – aye; Selectman Hiland – aye; Selectperson Golding – aye. **Motion passed: 3-0-0**

E. Review, discuss and accept PILT for Tin Mountain Conservation Center

The Town Administrator made the Board aware that Tin Mountain has acquired an additional 78 acres on Bald Hill Road and sent their “in lieu of taxes” payment. It was agreed verbally that they would pay the town portion of the taxes. Selectman Hiland would like the TA to contact Matt Serge about what we can do with a PLIT. We will also be notifying Tin Mountain. The check will not be deposited until the Board determines what a fair “in lieu of taxes” will be.

5. Town Administrators Report:

A. Deputy Rowe has suggested/requested (4) more “no parking on pavement signs” on Passaconaway Road. He recommends (1) sign before the Moat Mountain trailhead and one after it, on both sides of the road.

Selectperson K. Golding made a motion to order the signs and have them placed ASAP, but no later than Memorial Day. Selectman R. Hiland seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Chairman Ferris – aye; Selectman Hiland – aye; Selectperson Golding – aye. **Motion passed: 3-0-0**

B. The White Mountain Organic Growers foreclosure sale has been re-scheduled to May 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

The TA reminded the Board that this has been postponed several times since February of 2021.

C. Reminder TA will be out of town 4/15 – 4/25/2021, will be working remotely from the town laptop, as needed. Selectman R. Hiland will check voice mails for any action items.

6. APPOINTMENTS: none

7. Old Business:

A. Chapel Committee/Historical Society – Received a third written proposal on steeple work – emailed to Chair on 4/12/2021. The Chapel Committee now has (3) written proposals for the steeple work. D. Solomon asked if the Chapel Committee could meet after the Supervisors of the Checklist meeting on 4/20 at 9 a.m. The Chapel Committee meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

B. Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) – Results of drilling were completed and report is being generated. No news yet.

C. Cable TV contract (2021) – Revised franchise agreement was sent to John Maher at Charter on 3/22/2021, waiting for a response. TA sent follow up email on 4/6/2021. Selectman Hiland will provide TA with email contact for Mr. Maher’s supervisor and email them both again.

D. Review, discuss, and approve contract for services for the Humane Society, for 2021 – Humane Society Executive Director has reviewed our request for changes to contract and will make the changes and re-send it to us.

8. Other Business (and Board reports):

A. Planning Board – Selectperson Golding – see email from Planning Board with some questions for the Selectmen
The PB accepted as complete the site plan application for Profile Subaru. There will be a public hearing scheduled for May 10. The engineer would like to attend the meeting in person with the owner’s of Profile Subaru. The PB is asking to use the large meeting room in TH to hold that public hearing. Selectman J. Ferris – town voted that all meetings are to be videotaped and we have no capability to video in that large room. Selectperson K. Golding feels that the owner and their professionals should be able to attend the public hearing. Chairman Ferris asked Selectperson Golding if she wants to look into this and we can see what we can do. There is also an additional cost to holding public hearings and allowing in-person attendance (i.e. cleaning, etc.) Selectperson K. Golding noted that it did not do the plans justice to look at this on tv. *Selectperson*

Golding made a motion to allow the Planning Board to use the town hall for their public hearing on 5/10 for Profile Subaru and waive the video requirement and allow the public to attend (but encourage them to attend virtually). It is one of the larger businesses in our town. Selectman Hiland seconded for discussion. Chairman J. Ferris noted that we are doing this for a year and he feels that everyone is rushing this. Selectperson K. Golding thinks we can do it this once and then talk about the process for re-opening. This is a public hearing for a large company in our town and it would be beneficial if the owner and his engineer could attend. Selectman R. Hiland doesn't want to go against town meeting (the vote in 2017 to video all board meetings). There is no mechanism for that. If a lot of people show up who is going to clean after the public hearing. We felt that not opening and closing and opening and closing was better. TA asked if that is a service that Town Hall Streams could provide for us for one meeting. That is not a service they offer. Selectman Hiland would not be opposed in having one engineer and one owner attend in the small meeting room.

. **Roll Call Vote:** Chairman Ferris – nay; Selectman Hiland – nay; Selectperson Golding – aye. **Original motion failed: 1-2-0.**

Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to allow one member of the engineering firm and one owner representative to attend the Planning Board Public Hearing for Profile in order to present their plans and adhere to our COVID 19 policy. Selectperson K. Golding seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Ferris – aye; Selectman Hiland – aye; Selectperson Golding – aye. **Motion passed: 3-0-0**

The other thing discussed was the time Chairman Wadsworth has been putting in to organize the PB closet. At Town Meeting he is proposing to increase the line item for the Secretary to organize that closet. The amount discussed was \$1000, but Selectperson Golding isn't sure that will be enough.

Selectperson Golding did bring up the legislative items for tiny homes but isn't sure that final action has been taken.

B. NHMA – Selectman Hiland – there is a BOD meeting this coming Friday – House Bill 111 did fail, but it only failed by 6 votes.

C. Carroll County Broadband – Selectman Hiland – There is some good news. Been in contact with various providers. There has been a lot of discussion about bringing 5G up to this area. T Mobile has acquired Sprint and T Mobile has upgraded to 5G in Wakefield and they are planning on bringing that up Route 16.

There will be a commercial building permit to do work on the cell tower on Route 16 in Albany and the Bald Hill Road one will be next. They are hoping to have 5G available by summer. The 5G is both phone and internet.

They are still waiting to hear back from towns on creating a communications district. Jeb Bradley's bill that would allow 50% match using money other than tax payers money did pass.

The feasibility study is almost ready other than the last RFIs from Spectrum.

9. Correspondence:

A. Review 1st Qtr 2021 Conway Fire statistics for Albany

The Board reviewed the statistics

B. Review USDA Forest Service notice of update to Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA)

The Board reviewed the notice of SOPA

C. Review (2) notices of upcoming changes from Charter Communications

The Board reviewed the changes

D. Review request for more information from NH DES to owner of M7, L71 re: Expedited Minimum Impact Project Permit Application

The Board reviewed the notice

10. Public Comment: none

11. Next Meeting: April 28, 2021 at 4:00 PM at Albany Town Hall

12. Non-Public Sessions: none

13. Adjournment: *Selectperson Golding made a motion to adjourn at 5:14 p.m.*

Selectman Hiland seconded. **Roll Call Vote:** Chairman Ferris – aye;

Selectman Hiland – aye; Selectperson Golding – aye. **Motion passed: 3-0-0**

Submitted by:

Kelley A. Collins

Town Administrator