

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

August 27, 2014

At 3:37 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Rob Nadler, Jack Rose and Kelly Robitaille. Also present were Rick Hiland and Steve Knox. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved August 20 minutes-Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$1,432.29.

Town Administrator Report:

Carla from AlpineWeb called regarding the website being down Tuesday. She said the website was hit with a virus and if she needed to, she would add additional safeguards.

Town Counsel advised the Street Regulations are to be adopted by the Planning Board.

Dan Sdankus, Health Officer, was scheduled to meet a Sheriff's Deputy to inspect the septic system at 1299 Bald Hill Rd.

The North Country Council annual meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Jack and Camille will attend as well as Rob and Patti and Kelly and Lisa.

Rob noted the Selectmen's meeting will have to be reschedule on that date. Kelly asked to change the Selectmen's meeting days temporarily as Wednesdays will not be good for him for about six weeks. Rob asked if this could be decided next week. Kelly and Jack agreed.

Old Business:

The Selectmen signed three Tax Collector Deeds as well as a Notice to Quit.

Based upon the recommendation of the assessor, Jack made a motion to deny one tax abatement request, Rob seconded the motion and all were in favor.

New Business:

Rob discovered information regarding tax exemptions for solar energy. He would like to research the possibility of implementing some of these exemptions in Albany, saying the idea is interesting. He felt this could be done in conjunction with the Planning Board and the Master Plan.

Website Planning:

Rob noted there had been a lot of chaos with the town website and communication with the web host. Kathy reported having much better communications this week with Carla. Things will be moving forward.

Enforcement Issues: None

Town Board Selectmen's Rep Reports:

Rob announced the resignation of Mike Helmers from the Planning Board and submitted his written resignation to be placed on file. Rob made a motion to put off appointing a new Planning Board member until further correspondence is received from town counsel, Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Other Reports NCC, MWVEC:

Rob noted the North Country Council will be holding a regional meeting here at town hall on Monday, September 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Rob reported the new road is complete at the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council. Hopefully more lots will be sold, making it possible for the Economic Council to become more self-sustaining.

Public Comment:

Steve Knox inquired as to the deeding of a mobile home and asked if the town would be required to pay rent. Rob said yes it would be required. Kathy added that it could be recouped in the sale of the mobile home. Steve asked if the mobile home had a clear title. Rob replied yes but no. The mobile home had transferred ownership but the deed was never recorded. Steve asked how the town could get clear title. Rob replied by Tax Collector's deed. Steve asked if the town intended on selling it. Rob replied yes and there seemed to be enough value to cover the taxes and expenses incurred to the town. Steve

asked if this action had motivated people to pay their taxes and if so, how much has been paid and what is the balance owed. Kathy told Steve she couldn't even estimate at this point what those figures are but will find out.

Josephine Howland joined the meeting at 4:00 p.m. She is concerned that the publication from the NH Municipal Association called the Legislative Bulletin is not being forwarded to the town's Boards. It is sent to town hall by e-mail. Josephine asked why this vital information is not being forwarded to the rest of the town. Rob said he didn't know why but it will go out from now on.

Rob went on to say that he read the section of the Legislative Bulletin that David Maudsley, Planning Board Advisor, spoke of and he interpreted it differently. Steve Knox asked for clarification. Rob responded by saying the Legislative Bulletin talks of laws that are in legislative session and the potential effects on towns. He would like to move forward and from now on it will be distributed.

Public Hearing on Increasing Building Permit Fees:

At 4:25 p.m., Jack made a motion to open the public hearing, Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Kathy announced a statement from resident Cathy Ryan, who could not attend the public hearing. Cathy said she approves of the increase and added that it is about time.

Josephine questioned the amount it would cost for a small shed. Steve asked if the Code Enforcement Officer position is a budgeted one. Rob replied yes. Rick Hiland asked if the fees were paid to the town and then the Code Enforcement Officer is reimbursed. Rob replied yes.

Kelly made a motion to accept the building permit application fee increases, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jack made a motion to close the public hearing, Rob seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Public Comment:

Steve asked about the energy efficiency permit application that David Maudsley had noted at a Planning Board meeting, being law. Rob replied it has been added to the building permit application.

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At 4:35 p.m., Kelly made a motion to adjourn, Rob seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
Town Administrator

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