

## **Minutes**

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

**October 9, 2013**

At 4:30 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Jack Rose, Kelly Robitaille and Rob Nadler. The following business was conducted.

#### **Regular Business:**

- Reviewed & approved October 2 minutes-Jack made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Rob seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$61,196.73.
- Reviewed perambulation report from the Town of Conway.
- Reviewed NHDOT Bridge report.
- Reviewed & signed municipal assessment data certificate.
- Reviewed letter from Property Liability Trust.
- Town Administrator Report-see below

#### **Kim Guptill (Cemetery Trustee):**

Kim joined the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Kim received a quote from Arthur's Memorial for a sign for the Passaconaway Cemetery and granite posts to fence in Albany's cemeteries as required by law. Kim noted the fences must be at least four feet tall. Rob asked if there were any grants available to assist with the cost. Kim replied she was not aware of any but could look into it. Kelly said Tamworth is placing granite posts in their cemeteries. Kim replied granite requires the least maintenance. Kelly asked Kim to get a quote from Good Neighbor fencing for different options. The company recently moved to Center Conway. Kim would also like to get a price from Randy Leach who has maintained the cemeteries this year and has done a great job. Rob suggested a chain link fence post could be placed instead of granite. It would not require much maintenance. Kim will obtain more quotes and submit them to the Selectmen.

Kelly had asked about upgrading cemeteries and what it would take. Kim replied a lot of graves are caving in and it is quite dangerous. Dirt would be needed to cover over them and then plant grass. Kathy asked Kim which cemetery she would start with. Kim replied High St. cemetery as there are many plots still available and it makes Albany the most money right now. Second would be the Canada St. cemetery as it has many sinking graves and

it is dangerous. Kim recommends visitors not go alone as there is no cell service in case there is a need for an emergency call.

Jack told Kim that Kelly initiated the project and she has all three board members support. Kim said she will give Curtis Coleman a call to see how much some fill would cost to get started. The Board approved Kim to move forward with that.

Kathy asked Kim to inform the school board of a letter the Selectmen sent to Dr. Nelson, Superintendent for SAU 9 requesting the bus stop for Piper Meadows be moved into the park. The Selectmen have not received a response and thought the school board may be able to take action on behalf of the town. Kim suggested contacting the bus coordinator at SAU 9 to see if she may be able to assist.

Kathy invited Kim, the Cemetery Trustees and the School Board to attend a combined board meeting to discuss ordinance amendments on Monday, October 28 at 7 p.m. here at town hall. Kim left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Town Administrator Report:**

Kathy has had ongoing correspondence with a mortgage company representative on behalf of Arlene Barbour. The appraiser notes her property as a two family. When reviewing the assessing records, it seems the Barbour's basement evolved from a recreation room into a bedroom with a bathroom, a family room and kitchen with stove. Kathy could not find any record of a building permit or a variance issued to allow for the additions. When the town was re-evaluated in 2005, Avitar classified the home as a two family but never entered the premises. Our regular assessor re-inspected it and changed its use to one family. The appraiser's notes said the home did not comply with the town's ordinances. The mortgage representative is asking for a letter from the town stating the Barbour residence is in compliance with the town's ordinance. She stated there is no longer a stove in the basement. It is a bedroom, bathroom and a family room. Rob suggested that Peter Carboni make an inspection and recommendation before the town writes a letter of compliance. Jack and Kelly agreed with Rob's suggestion.

There has been no payment or letter of intent received from Edward Guppy, whose property was taken by tax collector's deed in August. Jack suggested the Board move forward and begin the official process of notifying Edward of his rights to repurchase the property. All three Selectmen signed the notice to be mailed by certified, return receipt and also by regular mail.

Jack would like the property posted and have the back door to the house boarded up along with lag bolts placed on the barn door. The house is not in good condition. Kelly suggested placing caution tape around the property. Jack thought placing boulders at the entrance of the driveway would prevent intruders from entering the property.

Rob informed everyone that the next collaborative planning meeting of the community will be on October 31 at the Red Jacket at 8 a.m.

Rob encountered a vendor selling apples on the side of the road where the town forest is located. He told the vendor he is welcome to sell apples but he must obtain a vendor permit. The vendor replied he was aware a permit was required but is unable to obtain an application during office hours. Rob suggested Peter Carboni deliver the application and collect the fee so the apple vendor is in compliance. The vendor was agreeable to this suggestion. Kathy will contact Peter.

Jack said there is going to be a major dedication for a new vista across from the Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods. He went on to say there is a secret plan on that day to uncover a monument dedicated to Ray Burton for his 36 years of service. Donations are being sought. It was voted on today by the North Country Council to donate \$500. Jack wondered if Albany could donate \$500 also. Ray has been instrumental in so many causes that have helped Albany over the years. Rob did not think it could be taken from the town's budget and he would be willing to donate to the cause personally. Jack asked Kathy to look into the ability of the town to donate to the dedication. Rob concluded by saying Ray has done a lot for our part of the state.

At 6:00 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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