

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

April 4, 2012

At 3:30 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Joe Ferris, Jack Rose and Sara Young-Knox. Also present were Lee Grant, Brian Taylor, Rob Nadler and Don Johnson. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved March 28 minutes-Joe made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$5,371.40.
- Reviewed LGC legal inquiry response regarding storage trailers-Jack would like to see some of the storage trailers throughout town be taxed and made to comply with Albany's setbacks as required by the zoning ordinances.
- Reviewed escrow release-Goldman-Joe made a motion not to approve the release of escrow funds until Burr Philips clarifies the issues in his report and if they have been resolved, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Reviewed & signed letter granting Trust for Public Land permission to use the Albany Forest for its celebration.
- Reviewed e-mail and pictures from Munro property-Joe and Jack would like to see progress continue on the property even though Jon Munro Jr. will not be able to personally work because of medical reasons.
- Reviewed county appropriation report.
- Approved Peter Carboni appointment as Fire Warden.

Rob Nadler (Conservation Commission):

Rob and Don Johnson, of Forest Land Improvement, presented a timber sale agreement, a driveway permit application and a wetlands notification application for the Selectmen to review and approve. Joe made a motion to approve and sign all three documents, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Don told the Board he intends to begin the first timber cut sometime in May with a completion date of September 1, 2012. Most of the first cut will take place on the Conway side of the property.

Rob asked the Board to have signs made up to be placed in various areas of the town forest. The signs will read, take in take out, no camping, no fires, or motorized use. The Board directed the AA to order the signs for the Conservation Commission. Rob also said the gate to enter the town forest needs repair and Cort Hansen, Commissioner, has volunteered to do so.

Rob asked permission from the Board to contact town counsel regarding conservation fund and forest fund issues. Namely, the proper manner as to repaying the Trust for Public Land from the revenue of the first timber cut with the remainder to go to the conservation fund, the forest fund or both. The Selectmen directed the AA to contact town counsel with these questions.

Rob informed the Board that the Trust for Public Land will hold their celebration on Saturday, May 5 at 2:30 at the town forest. They will be inviting all the organizations, political figures and boards that made the land acquisition a success. On May 12, the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust will hold their meeting at the town forest. Jack announced the annual Albany picnic will also be held at the town forest on July 21. Rob added that access through the Forest Service parking lot will be needed and he will be working with Mike Martin to do so and square up the entrance.

Nancy Drew:

Nancy, her husband Jim and a church friend joined the meeting. Nancy asked the Board if they could continue to assist them by ordering another dumpster for Nancy's burned house on Bald Hill Rd. Joe told Nancy the Selectmen would need her completed application for general assistance along with verifications of income and expenses. The AA would then process the application and the Board would move forward at that time with an amount that Nancy would be eligible for. The AA added that Nancy would be required to repay the town for any assistance she may receive. In the meanwhile, a welfare lien would be placed on her property in the amount of the assistance. Nancy's friend from church asked how she would pay it back if she has no income. The AA responded by saying the lien would remain on the property and if it was ever sold at some point, the town would get its money back from the proceeds of the sale. If Nancy pays the town back in full the lien would be then be released. Nancy replied she would get the paperwork together. Jack asked Nancy if her house was boarded up completely. She replied it was and had been done immediately as agreed.

She would like to move forward and has started to take apart the burned remains of the house.

Brian Taylor (Health Officer):

Jack asked Brian to make an inspection of Nancy Drew's house to make sure it is boarded up and safe from a public safety point of view. He wants to make sure the house is secure. Brian said he would inspect the house.

Brian informed the Board he has been communicating with many health officers from around the state. The health officer from Portsmouth said the Selectmen can enforce the laws of abandoned units as dilapidated buildings at some point because if left abandoned long enough they may become so deteriorated to the point of being a public nuisance. The public health RSA will come into play.

At 5:05 p.m., Jack made a motion to adjourn, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
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