

## **Minutes**

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

**March 7, 2012**

At 3:35 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Sara Young-Knox, Jack Rose and Joe Ferris. Also present were Lee Grant and June Johnson. The following business was conducted.

#### **Regular Business:**

- Reviewed and approved February 29 minutes-Jack made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$16,033.91.
- Reviewed & approved Goldman Escrow Release-Joe would like to see Burr Philip's signature on future reports requesting the release of funds from the escrow. Jack and Sara agreed.
- Reviewed NHDOT bridge inspection report-Jack would like to copy this report to Curtis Coleman, road agent.
- Reviewed DRA Community Action Report.
- Reviewed invitation to Tin Mountain Dinner & Auction.

#### **Nancy Drew:**

Nancy did not appear for her appointment. Jack would like to see her burnt house either boarded up or taken down completely to protect the health and safety of the public saying it should be done in a timely manner. Both Sara and Joe agreed. Chief Solomon of the Conway Fire Department will be contacted to see if a controlled burn would be an option, then a letter will be signed and mailed to Nancy advising her of the options she may take and a timeline in which to comply.

#### **Steve Parker NonPublic Session RSA 91-A:3II (c):**

At 3:45 p.m., Jack made a motion to move into nonpublic session citing RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor. Roll call was unanimous in the affirmative.

At 4:00 p.m., Jack motioned to move into public session, seconded by Joe and all were in favor.

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At 4:01 p.m., it was determined that the minutes shall not be publicly disclosed. Sara motioned to seal the minutes, to not publicly disclose the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of the information will likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board. Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

### **Mike Martin White Mountain National Forest:**

Mike began by telling the Board of the plans the Forest Service is putting in place to repair damage left by Hurricane Irene last year. Mike also discussed the Northeast Swift project, which will entail timber cutting for a number of years in various areas of the National Forest. This is done to manage habitat and will be done with a variety of treatments. Besides timber cutting, a controlled burn is planned. A low intensity burn will take care of dead and down material in turn reducing the risk of a wildfire.

Jack asked when the projects will begin. Mike replied after the appeal process. He thinks the Northeast Swift sale is foreseeable in 2013 and will last a few years. The details will be worked out in the sale package. Mike said he could come back to the Board of Selectmen to discuss any concerns they may have. The Board welcomed this idea and would be interested in being informed of the details of the project.

A concern Mike had was a bridge on Passaconway Rd. that was posted for a lower weight than the DOT recommendation. He may approach the Board to ask for the bridge posting change to the DOT recommendation. Mike added they will also be aware of the traffic and safety of the public and will direct traffic accordingly. He asked the Board if they thought the posting of the bridge would be a problem. Joe would like to have Curtis Coleman look at it before approving it.

Jack had a concern for the covered bridge saying in order for the logging trucks to travel on Passaconaway Rd., the barriers protecting the covered bridge would need to be removed allowing for the possibility of damage to the covered bridge. Mike thought there may be something temporary to construct to protect the bridge or signage making people aware of the height of the opening of the bridge.

Jack told Mike that the Town plans to hold their annual picnic on the newly acquired town forest. The easiest access to the area is through the parking lot of the ranger station and asked if it would be possible to use it. Mike asked if Jack was speaking short term or long term usage. Jack replied long

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term. Mike replied yes he thought that could be done. He added there are many things the Forest Service could help with such as the planning of trails. He said they would be willing to work with Albany for anything they need.

Jack told Mike a timber cut is planned for the spring. Mike offered assistance with timber management. Jack replied Albany's forester is Don Johnson who will be overseeing the cut.

Sara noted the Trust for Public Land, Albany's partner in acquiring the town forest, will be holding its own celebration on the property, inviting many people who were vital in obtaining the grants and funding needed for the success of the purchase. Mike replied the forest service is happy to support the town of Albany in any way possible and to let him know what they can do to help.

**Betty Holmes NonPublic Session RSA 91-A:3 (a):**

At 4:30 p.m., Sara made a motion to move into nonpublic session citing RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor. Roll call was unanimous in the affirmative.

At 4:41 p.m., Jack motioned to move into public session, seconded by Joe and all were in favor.

**NonPublic Session RSA 91-A:3(a):**

At 4:42 p.m., Sara made a motion to move into nonpublic session citing RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor. Roll call was unanimous in the affirmative.

At 4:50 p.m., Joe motioned to move into public session, seconded by Jack and all were in favor.

At 4:51 p.m., it was determined that the minutes shall not be publicly disclosed. Sara motioned to seal the minutes, to not publicly disclose the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of the information will likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board. Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Posting of Town Roads:**

Sara informed the Board she had received a call from Jo Potter of Bald Hill Rd. saying that the roads should be posted. Sara told Jo the roads were to be

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posted Monday, March 5. Joe felt the roads should have been posted between one and one and a half weeks ago. Sara added the Selectmen have the ultimate duty to enforce the safety of the roads.

Jack made a motion to have Curtis Coleman, road agent, personally report to the Selectmen at their last regular meeting of each month on what has been done on the roads that month and what is the plan for the future month, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Election:**

Joe will be present from 10 am-2 pm at Tuesday's town election and Jack will be present from 2 pm-6 pm.

At 5:00 p.m., Joe made a motion to adjourn, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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