

## **Minutes**

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

**November 14, 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, June Johnson and Rob Nadler. The following business was conducted.

#### **Regular Business:**

- Reviewed & approved November 7 minutes-Jack made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$35,153.07.
- Reviewed & signed one duplicate pistol permit.
- Reviewed & signed letter to Madison Board of Selectmen.
- Reviewed Health Officer Report-Reviewed & approved an abatement-Joe made a motion to approve the abatement, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Reviewed and approved 2012 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate.
- Reviewed bid for security construction-the AA reported a second bid is being submitted. Jack would like a third bid before a decision is made.
- Reviewed North Country Council Annual Report.
- Administrative Assistant report-see below

#### **Building Maintenance:**

The AA reported the maintenance contractor had been contacted for fall cleanup work two weeks ago. He did not return a call for a week after. At that time he said he would perform the work the following day. As of today, another week later, he has not shown up. The AA would like to hire a different maintenance person. Jack made a motion to hire Jesse Martin of Total Property Maintenance, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### **Mark & Laurie Lundblad:**

Mark and Laurie joined the meeting and came before the Board to see if there had been any update in the status of their complaints regarding Almost There. Sara replied the owner of Almost There, Jack Whigham, has been in contact with the Planning Board and will be working with them to update his site plan review.

Laurie asked if he has the appropriate permits at this time. Sara said Jack Whigham was to meet with the Planning Board tonight to see what he will have to do to update his site plan. Laurie said after speaking with “them” about a month ago, “they” were going to do an expansion and asked if this will be included in the site plan review. Joe said if he expands any further, without the proper approvals, he will be shut down.

Mark stated the smoking area had been approved for a 4 x 8 area which has recently been expanded. He would like the Board to take a look at the area. Laurie asked the Board if Jack Whigham ever got cited for the site plan review violation. Sara replied Jack was asked to amend his site plan through the Planning Board, which he has been in contact with and is in the process of. Mark said sonar tubes have been placed in the parking lot for the fencing around his temporary patio. He should need a building permit as this is a permanent fixture. Laurie agreed saying her family members have been made to get a permit for reconstruction. Sara told Mark and Laurie there will be a public hearing on Jack’s site plan review. At that time all abutters will be notified and may attend that meeting and speak of any goings on.

Laurie asked if there was such a thing as the Planning Board and the Selectmen getting together and creating an ordinance. She added there are issues in Albany that things need to change. Sara said a member of the public may also submit it to the Planning Board.

Mark stated Albany is supposed to have policing by the Sheriff’s Department; adding Route 16 is like a drag way in front of his property. Sara replied it is state road and policed by the state. Laurie told the Board last time she called the Sheriff’s Department to complain about the noise level; her call was not returned in a timely manner. She and Mark had left the house by the time her call was returned. She hopes this will be dealt with through the Planning Board.

Sara asked that Peter Carboni, code enforcement officer, look into the size of the smoking area at Almost There.

Laurie noted there is still trash strewn behind the property of Almost There. Mark said his property was cleaned up but what he has seen is restaurant trash. And also Mark feels Jack has violated wetlands rules by expanding his parking lot area. Mark added he would eventually like to build on his property behind the Almost There lot. Laurie would just like some answers. Joe asked that Dan Sdankus, health officer, look into the trash issue.

Mark and Laurie left the meeting.

**Rob Nadler (Budget Advisory Committee):**

June Johnson joined Rob as a member of the newly formed committee. Rob suggested an outline for the committee to begin with. Because Albany's municipal budget doesn't fluctuate too much he would like to review the past three years' budgets. He would like to look into pay scales and policies so everyone knows what it is right up front and so it is fair and makes sense.

Rob would like to set up three or four meetings and use the North Country Council and Local Government Center as references as to salaries. Rob recommends posting all officials in the annual town report to encourage people to participate in the town. The AA will send the excel format of the last three years' budgets.

**Economic Council:**

Rob told the Board the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council is compiling a list of all local officials to get the community to work together better and attract new business. They are trying to get regional support for local projects.

**Conservation Commission:**

Rob told the Board the Conservation Commission is doing all it can to not spend any taxpayer money. He and Cort Hansen worked on the entrance to the forest and built a gate at their own cost. Jack and Cort worked on one to two miles of trails. A grant has been applied for to have a kiosk and signs made as well as obtaining gravel for trails or the driveway entrance. Negotiations continue with farmers for the mowing of the fields. The Upper Saco Valley Land Trust has offered to write the grant applications.

**Administrative Assistant report:**

The AA obtained quotes from Avitar Associates to put assessing and tax collection data online. Also included was a quote to obtain the software to collect tax payments online. The AA requested before moving forth with anything, the current town website should be replaced with a web based program for an easy transition of displaying the assessing and tax information. Sara made a motion to move the website over to a web based program, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The AA informed the Board that health officer Dan Sdankus has issued letters to the residents of Piper Meadows that their lots shall be cleaned up within two weeks or they may be subject to fines. Two letters were also sent to residents in Piper Meadows whose lots are considered junkyards without licenses and are illegal. These letters were hand delivered, sent by regular mail as well as certified mail.

At 4:30 p.m., Joe made a motion to adjourn, Sara seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard  
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