

Albany Selectmen's Meeting

Minutes

Albany, New Hampshire

February 19, 2020



Call to Order: At 5:35 p.m., Chairman Hiland called the Selectmen's meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Hiland led everyone in the Pledge.

Attendance:

Members present: Rick Hiland, Cathy Ryan and Joe Ferris

Town Administrator: none

Public: Dorothy & Stanley Solomon.

New Business:

- Chairman Hiland announced that copies of the 2020 Town Warrant and Budget were posted in the Albany Town Hall hallway and at the Discount Deli in the Town of Albany NH.
- Approval of February 12 minutes: *Selectman Ferris made a motion to approve the February 12 minutes as presented, Selectperson Ryan seconded the motion, and all were in favor (3-0-0).*
- Approval of the February 19 consent file: *Selectman Ferris made a motion to approve the February 19 consent file as presented, Selectperson Ryan seconded the motion, and all were in favor (3-0-0).*

Review & sign manifest	\$259,831.89

- Status of 2019 Town Report – DONE!
- Accept resignation of Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector: *Selectman Ferris made a motion to accept the resignation of Kathy Golding with regret, Selectperson Ryan seconded the motion, and all were in favor (3-0-0).* The Selectmen and on behalf of the Town of Albany thanked Kathy for her years of service to the Town of Albany and wished her much success in her new job.
- A request by Town Clerk/Tax Collector Deann Leblanc, to Appoint Megan Paraspolo as Albany's Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector: *Selectman Ferris made a motion to appoint Megan Paraspolo as the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector at the request of Deann Leblanc Town Clerk /Tax Collector, Selectperson Ryan seconded the motion, and all were in favor (3-0-0).*
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Town Administrators Report: None

APPOINTMENTS: **US Forest Service – Jim Innis** – explained to the Select Board and those present that they are starting early to communicate to the towns and residents, both year around & seasonal, about the upcoming timber cut proposed for the Wonalancet area of Albany, Sandwich and Tamworth. The timber operation start date is out a couple of years. Selectmen asked to be kept posted on developments, RFPs, and contracts due to what roads are to be used by the logging company. The Select Board does not want a repeat of the Passaconaway Rd. damage done by the logging operations in the past.

Selectman Ferris: Jim Ennis from the US Forest Service explained to the BOS that logging was projected to take place on the Southern Side of the Sandwich Range in Wonalancet. A map of the prospective area was displayed. Selectman Ferris asked Mr. Ennis what where the prospective roads that would be used to remove the harvested timber. Mr. Ennis explained that this was only an informational meeting and any decision on how the timber would be moved would be up to the Logger that was awarded the contract. Mr. Ferris stated, “If any Albany Town Roads were to be used to facilitate the logging operation they will be require to be bonded. Mr. Ennis replied, “The contract has not been awarded and it would be up to the logger to decide how the timber would be removed.” Selectman Ferris pointed out on the map that Ferncroft Road was in prime location to be used in part of the logging operation and it would need to be bonded. If a road is to be bonded, it would have to be figure in on the cost of the logging operation by the logger.” Mr. Ennis reiterated that a contract has not even been drafted never mind being awarded. Selectman Ferris explained it would be beneficial for the logger to know that any Albany town roads used will need to be bonded. Mr. Ennis did not respond.

Old Business:

- **Profile Power Sports sign permit application dated 1/31/20** – Letter was written and sent to Profile PowerSports denying the sign permit application.
- **NH State Surplus** – in process
- **NH State Bridge Aid** – in process
- **Chapel Committee/Historical Society** – in process.
- **Federal Land Access Program (FLAP)** – in process – waiting on an MOU from Dept of Interior – Chairman Hiland will contact them.
- **Business Roundtable meeting** – TBD
- **Cable TV contract (2021)** – in process
- **Route 16 Moulton property** – in process
- **110 Golden Oaks Rd** - waiting for ownership documentation
- **Vendor/Vending cart ordinance** – Selectperson Ryan - in process
- **Library cards:** need to produce vouchers for 2020 – Chairman Hiland drafted a sample. We need to schedule David Smolen from Conway Library for a Select Board meeting.
- **Bald Hill Road – stakes in ROW:** no action taken.

Other Business (and Board reports):

Planning Board – Selectman Hiland – meeting March 9th - no other business.

NHMA – Selectman Hiland – next BOD meeting February 21 - lots of new legislation proposed for municipalities that needs to be watched.

Carroll County Broadband – Selectman Hiland - meeting is scheduled for Feb 13th at 10AM at the MWVEC meeting room, hosted by the Conway Select Board and the MWVEC, received a presentation by Matrix Design Group.

Conservation Commission – Selectperson Ryan – next meeting March 3rd at 6PM

School Board – Selectman Ferris – Albany School Board meeting on March 10th School District meeting.

Other:

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: February 26 at 5:30 PM at Albany Town Hall

Non Public Sessions: None

No other business.

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn at 6:24 PM by Selectman Ferris, second by Selectperson Ryan, and all were in favor. (3 – 0 – 0)*

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Hiland
Selectman – Chairman
Acting Secretary