



Albany Selectmen's Meeting Minutes Albany, New Hampshire May 8, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order: Chair K. Robitaille called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Chair K. Robitaille, Selectmen J. Drouin and R. Hiland, Town Administrator K. Collins and Videographer L. Slitt.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Chair led the meeting in The Pledge.

3. New Business:

A. Approval of April 24, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting minutes, including (1) set of Non Public Minutes and (2) sets of sealed Non Public Minutes

Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting and (3) sets of Non Public Meeting minutes. Chair K. Robitaille seconded. Motion passed: 3-0-0.

B. Approval of May 8, 2024 consent file

__ Review & Sign manifest(s) in the amount of \$2,598.60, 5,303.69 and \$46,236.25 this includes an accounts payable and payroll manifests for 4/30, 5/1 and 5/8/2024

__ Review, discuss and approve/deny residential building permit for single family home with 2 car garage at Map 9, Lot 139

__ Review, discuss and approve/deny residential building permit for repair/replace bunkhouse at 46 Johnson Road, Map 11, Lot 29

Chair K. Robitaille made a motion to approve the consent file for discussion. Selectman R. Hiland seconded.

Discussion: Selectman R. Hiland would like to table the building permit for the bunkhouse repair/replacement at 46 Johnson Road and ask the owner to attend a selectmen's meeting. It appears that the building permit issued in 2020 for replacement of a 24x16 shed is actually a cabin
Selectmen R. Hiland made a motion to amend the motion for approval of the consent file with an approval of the manifests and the Map 9, Lot 139 building permit and table the 46 Johnson Road building permit until such time as the town can meet with the owner for clarification and TA will talk to Town Counsel and NH DES. Selectman J. Drouin seconded. Amendment passed: 3-0-0, Motion passed: 3-0-0.

C. Review, discuss and approve/deny request for Charitable Exemption under RSA 72:23-V for Mount Washington Valley Habitat for Humanity (see Assessor's recommendation)

Selectman J. Drouin made a motion to approve for discussion the MWV Habitat for Humanity Charitable Exemption due to the fact that while they own and may partially occupy the property they are not currently using it for their mission. Chair K. Robitaille seconded.

Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to amend to original motion to deny the Charitable Exemption. Selectman J. Drouin seconded. **Amendment passed: 3-0-0. Original motion failed 3-0-0.**

D. Review, discuss and vote on closing out the US DOT FLAP grant project for Passaconaway Road

Chair K. Robitaille made a motion to close out the US DOT FLAP grant as we cannot do the project when it requires a long closure of Passaconaway Road. Selectman R. Hiland seconded. **Motion passed: 3-0-0.**

E. Review and discuss possible dates for a Special Town Meeting to correct defects to the 2024 Warrant

The Town Administrator needs some dates for the Special Town Meeting so that she can clear this with the Moderator and Supervisors of the Checklist. The Board chose June 26 or July 10.

F. Review, discuss and re-consider Veteran's Tax Credit

The owner has requested that the selectmen reconsider their decision to prorate the Veteran's Tax Credits in accordance with RSA 72:30

Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to rescind original vote of 50% due to fractional ownership and give him the 100% of both the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit and the Disabled Veteran's Tax Credit. Chair K. Robitaille seconded. **Motion passed: 3-0-0.**

G. Review, discuss and complete application for Town credit card thru Bank of NH

The Board reviewed, filled out and signed the application for a new town credit card. Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to increase the credit limit with the new application to \$1500. Selectman J. Drouin seconded. **Motion passed: 3-0-0.**

4. Town Administrator's Report: none

5. APPOINTMENT – None

6. Old Business:

- A. NH DOT Project 29597 NH Rte 16** – Review email from Project Manager, Jason Ayotte. NH DOT has approved June 12, 2024 as the date for the public hearing on Project 29597
Chair K. Robitaille spoke to Rep Mark McConkey who noted that SB 471 was tabled. There were an additional (2) accidents on Route 16. Rep M. McConkey sent an email out to DOT, NCC. M. McConkey wants to hold a meeting with DOT Commissioner, Bill Lambert, BOS, County Sheriff to discuss the traffic calming project.

7. Other Business (and Board reports):

- A. Planning Board** – Next meeting is May 13, 2024
B. Conservation Commission –

8. Other: R. Hiland wants to discuss the REVEL Marathon. The Town Administrator received a verbal complaint from a resident who lives off the Kancamangus Highway and that he was unable to leave his property for several hours despite being assured there was a way that he would be able to do that. The Town Administrator has met with this resident on (4) separate occasions this week and has requested that the resident put his complaints in writing to the

Board of Selectmen so that the Board can pursue this with NH DOT, who approved the permit for the event. Selectman R. Hiland would like to request a meeting with the District 3, Engineer to discuss this and invite any residents that were disgruntled. Selectman J. Drouin and Chair K. Robitaille would like to get the complaints in writing and then make arrangements to meet with the District 3 Engineer.

9. Correspondence:

A. Letter from NH Department of Revenue Administration re: 2023 ratio

The Board reviewed the letter from the DRA re: 2023's ration

B. Letter from Charter Communications re: upcoming changes

The Board reviewed the letter with upcoming changes from Charter Communications

C. Review and discuss email from residents of Ferncroft Road re: recent work

The Board reviewed the email from the resident on Ferncroft Road

10. Public Comment: none

11. Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II as necessary – none

12. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment: *Selectmen R. Hiland made a motion to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. Selectman J. Drouin seconded. Motion passed: 3-0-0.*

Submitted by
Kelley A. Collins
Town Administrator