



Albany Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Albany, New Hampshire
April 10, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order:** Chair K. Robitaille called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

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

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

3. **New Business:**

A. **Approval of March 27, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting minutes**

Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting, as presented. Selectman J. Drouin seconded. **Motion passed: 3-0-0.**

B. **Approval of April 10, 2024 consent file**

__Review & Sign manifest(s) in the amount of \$64,763.72 this includes an accounts payable and payroll manifests for 4/10/2024

__Review, discuss, approve/deny Notice of Intent to Excavate for Map 7, Lot 58

Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to approve the April 10, 2024 consent file, as presented. Selectman J. Drouin seconded. **Motion passed: 3-0-0.**

C. **Review, discuss and approve the following appointments:**

Cathy Ryan & Cort Hansen – reappointment to Conservation Commission

Chair K. Robitaille made a motion to re-appoint both Cathy Ryan and Cort Hansen as members of the Conservation Commission. Selectman J. Drouin seconded. **Motion passed: 3-0-0.**

D. **Review, discuss and sign MS 535 Financial Report of the Budget as provided by Town Auditors**

The Board reviewed the MS 535 Financial Report, as prepared by the Town Auditors. Chair K. Robitaille to approve and sign the M535. Selectman R. Hiland seconded. **Motion passed: 3-0-0.**

E. **Review, discuss and sign Gravel Tax Levy for 2023 on Map 7, Lot 58**

The Board reviewed the Gravel Tax Levy for Map 7, Lot 58. Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to approve and sign the Gravel Tax Levy for 2023 on Map 7, Lot 58, as presented. Selectman J. Drouin seconded. **Motion passed: 3-0-0.**

F. **Review, discuss and approve/deny request for Charitable Exemption under RSA 72:23-V for Tin Mountain Conservation Center**

Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to approve the Charitable Exemption for Tin Mountain under RSA 72:23-V, Selectman J. Drouin seconded. **Motion passed: 3-0-0.**

G. Review, discuss and approve/deny request for Charitable Exemption under RSA 72:23-V for Audubon Society of NH

Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to deny the request for a Charitable Exemption under RSA 72:23-V for the Audubon Society of NH. Selectman J. Drouin seconded. Motion passed: 3-0-0.

H. Review, discuss and sign Selectmen's Deed for tax deeded property being redeemed by former owner at 120 Golden Oaks Road

The Board reviewed the deed to return tax deed property at 120 Golden Oaks Road to the former owner. *Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to approve the Selectmen's redemption deed and to authorize the Chair to sign. Selectman J. Drouin seconded. Motion passed: 3-0-0.*

I. Review, discuss and approve/deny request for Veteran's Tax Credit for M9, L145

The Board reviewed the PA 29 form for a Veteran's Tax Credit for Map 9, Lot 145. The Town Administrator noted that after speaking to the Assessor and the Department of Revenue Administration and reviewing the PA29, PA33, DD214, trust documents and deed, due to the way the property is owned by the veteran's revocable trust and his wife, under RSA 72:30 he qualified for a 50% proration of the veteran's tax credit.

Selectman R. Hiland made a motion to approve a 50% proration of the Veteran's Tax Credit for M9, L145. Selectman J. Drouin seconded. Motion passed: 3-0-0.

4. Town Administrator's Report:

A. Review and discuss options for updating Albany's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

The Board reviewed the options for updating Albany's Emergency Operations Plan.

B. Review and discuss how Board wants to handle town credit card.

The Town Administrator noted that the current town credit card is thru Bank of NH and is tied to a former selectmen's ssn. The former selectman would like her name and ssn removed. The Board would like the Town Administrator to speak to separate credit card companies i.e. American Express or Capital One as well as Bank of NH.

C. Review, discuss and approve/deny building permit for 60 Old Colony Road for an 8'x8' entryway over an existing deck

The Board reviewed and approved the building permit.

Chair K. Robitaille made a motion to approve the building permit for Old Colony Road. Selectman R. Hiland seconded. Motion passed: 3-0-0.

5. APPOINTMENT

5:00 p.m. Meet with State Representative Chris McAleer regarding legislation to lower speed limit on Route 16 in Albany

The Board met with State Representative C. McAleer in response to the resolution created at the March 12, 2024 Town Meeting requesting legislative action to reduce the speed limit on Route 16 in Albany from 50 to 40 mph.

Representative McAleer noted that there is current pending legislation in the form of Senate Bill (SB) 471 that may allow towns to request reduction in speed limits down to 45 mph on unimproved rural highways. There is some question on whether Route 16 in Albany qualifies as an unimproved rural highway. Mr. McAleer has spoken to Mr. Lambert and he thinks we could get the speed limit reduced to 45 mph. Mr. McAleer strongly suggests that someone go to the hearing and testify on this. It has passed the Senate 24-0 and has crossed over to the House.

Selectman R. Hiland asked Mr. McAleer if he watched the hearing on this SB, he has not. Mr. McAleer doesn't feel that this bill will have any trouble passing.

Selectman R. Hiland suggested getting together with Madison, Tamworth, Albany & Conway to get together on writing legislation specific to these portions of Route 16.

Selectman R. Hiland suggested putting together a meeting of Selectboards with Tamworth and Madison to see what other things we might be able to do together (example: Animal Control Officer or Code Enforcement Officer)

6. Old Business:

A. NH DOT Project 29597 NH Rte 16 – The Town Administrator has emailed Project Manager, Jason Ayotte for potential dates for NH DOT's public hearing on Project #29597. No response to date.

B. Chair K. Robitaille noted he has spoken to Nick at NCC today about speed study/road study for the 16/113 intersection. K. Robitaille asked NCC what the next step is. NCC said the \$3.5 million HEB earmarked for this is not a big enough safety project for the State to move on it.

7. Other Business (and Board reports):

A. Planning Board – will be meeting 4/22

B. Conservation Commission –

C. Zoning Board of Adjustment – the Committee met and organized on 4/9

8. Other: Selectman R. Hiland noted that there is currently only \$551 in the ZBA budget line. This may not be enough for the ZBA to hold any additional meetings. The Town Administrator noted that this was discussed during the budget process and the Board felt that money could be transferred from another line of the budget if/when it became necessary

9. Correspondence:

A. Review and discuss 1st Quarter Fire/EMS statistics

The Board reviewed the 1st Quarter statistics for Fire/EMS

B. Review and discuss an email from the Henney Historical Fund

The Board reviewed the email from the Henney Historical Fund

Chair K. Robitaille suggested taking a look at the stuff in the Chapel some night when they have a short agenda

10. Public Comment: none

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

12. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment: *Selectman R Hiland made a motion to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Selectman J. Drouin seconded. Motion passed: 3-0-0.*

Submitted by:
Kelley A. Collins
Town Administrator