

# SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES 7/1/2020

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**Present:** Jessica Hatch, Chairman  
Lyn England, Selectman  
James Phelps, Selectman  
Administrative Assistant, Karen Padgett

## Topics

### 1. APPOINTMENTS

#### 1-1. 6:30 Amy and Tracy Shepard

**Note** Tracy and Amy Shepard met with the Board to discuss a noise complaint regarding the bands that have been playing at Dick's Store on Saturday evenings. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard live on Railroad Dr which abuts the Northern Rail Trail and are near "hippie hill". Amy was expecting the other neighbors on the road to attend the meeting, but they did not.

Ms. Shepard's concerns revolve around the level of noise from bands playing at Dick's Store. She did try to contact the owner, Doug Colby, by phone while the music was playing but was unsuccessful.

Chief Suckling was present at the meeting to address the issue as well. The Board thanked the Shepherds for coming in to voice their concerns.

#### 1-2. Russ Jenna /403-009/ Wild Meadow Rd

**Note** Mr. Jenna stopped in to inform the Board of Selectmen of his efforts to clean up the vehicles and junk in his property. He has gotten rid of a few cars, started installing a privacy fence. Jim said that there is no building permit on file and if Mr. Jenna is planning to do more building, a permit is required to ensure that he follows the town ordinances.

He will update the Board of his progress on the 1st of September. His efforts to come into compliance and keep the Board informed are appreciated.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

**Decision** Jim motioned to approve the minutes of 6/17/20, motioned was seconded by Lyn. All in favor.

### 3. PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFESTS WERE SIGNED.

### 4. SIGNATURES

#### 4-1. Trustee of Trust Funds

**Note** A voucher was signed for payment of \$9500 from the General Government Building capital reserve fund. A vote was taken on 5/6/2020 to withdraw the funds.

#### 4-2. Purchase Order - PD cruiser 2 repairs

**Note** Jim motioned to approve the purchase order to Moran Repair in the amount of \$435.91 for repairs to Cruiser 2. Motion seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.

#### 4-3. Declaration of Right to Inter - Davis/Riverdale

**Decision** Jim motioned to sign the document, seconded by Lyn. All in favor.

### 5. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

#### 5-1. MESSER/405-017/ 168 TAYLOR HILL RD/ NEW 18 X 24 STORAGE BUILDING. OLD STORAGE SHED TO BE DEMOLISHED.

**Decision** Jim motioned to approve the building permit, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed unanimously.

## 6. COVID-19

### 6-1. Emergency Order #56

**Note** This emergency order grants the governing body authority to reduce appropriations for any items as may be necessary to keep total expenditures within anticipated revenues. This could mean not allocating money to capital reserve funds as voted. It also allows for property tax agreement which may include a reduction or waiver of any interest on 2020 taxes or prior years.

No action was taken at this time.

### 6-2. 1st Responder Stipend

**Note** The 1st responder stipend has been paid to 10 members of the Fire Department and to Sergeant Marvin of the Police Department. The payroll taxes of \$855.73 paid by the town are a reimbursable expense from the GOFERR Municipal Relief grant.

### 6-3. GOFERR Grant Funds Received

**Note** The first submission of \$2,272.47 by the Town to GOFERR for reimbursement of COVID-19 expenses incurred for March and April was accepted and paid in full. The next submission will cover expenses for May and June and is due by July 15.

### 6-4. The State imposed moratorium on tax deeding has been lifted.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

### 7-1. 34 Dean Rd

**Note** Taxes, interest, and penalties are \$15,578.61.

**Note** Two abutters have expressed interest in the property. The options being discussed are listing with a realtor or offering it by sealed bid with a minimum. The former owner and mortgagors have to be notified of their right to repurchase the property 90 days prior to the sale.

Karen will prepare the notices to go out stating that it will be listed with a real estate agent.

### 7-2. Timber Operation - Reed - New Canada Rd

Rick Evans of the DRA sent letters regarding no report of wood cut received. No response from the Reeds. He has turned it over to Forest Ranger Doug Minor who has been unable to reach them. If they do not respond, the next step is for Rick Evans to try to track down slips at the mills.

### 7-3. Town Hall Repair

**Note** Bathroom toilet needs to be replaced. New entrance door needs to be replaced as it will not stay shut. These repairs should be eligible for reimbursement under the GOFERR municipal relief fund. Karen will try to get some quotes for the repairs.

### 7-4. PD Cruiser Update

**Note** The earliest possible start date for the build of the new the cruiser is 7/20/2020. From the start date it will be 90-120 days to delivery.

### 7-5. Timber Tax Appraiser Decision

Jessica motioned to enlist the services of Matt Apgar as an on call timber tax appraiser and ask for a 1 year contract. Motion seconded by Lyn and passed 3-0.

### 7-6. Gustafson response – to be taken up at next meeting

### 7-7. Dickinson Notice of Violation

**Note** Jim made some suggestions for some changes to the letter. The letter will be amended and presented at the next meeting.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8-1. Request to use tractor pull area on Spa Road

**Note** Stephanie Staples of Sugar Hill Snubbers in New Hampton says her organization would like to use the town tractor pull area. They would like to have 3-4 events for 10-16-year olds. There would be 22 tractors pulling. They are fully insured, and participants sign waivers. They will mow and grade the area.

**Task**  Jessica will contact Ms. Staples and get more details.

**8-2. Request for slow sign to be replaced on Bohonon Rd.** The Board is not in favor of placing any slow signs on the road.

**8-3. Senator Bob Giuda wants to meet with the Board. A meeting will be set up for 7/15.**

## 9. NONPUBLIC SESSION

At 7:20, Jessica motion to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* Motion was seconded by Jim and passed unanimously.

At 7:27, Jim motioned to return to public session, seconded by Jessica. All in favor. No decisions were made and no votes taken.

## 10. FYI AND REVIEW

Septic approval for construction - Honeycutt 236 Wiggin Rd

Email received re corrupt town employees

Letter from Jon Schurger with his tax payment

Burbach letter re finished campsite

## 11. Adjourn

**Decision** At 7:39, Lyn motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jessica. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.