

BOARD OF SELECTMAN MEETING

OLD CHURCH BUILDING

TUESDAY AUGUST 27, 2019

Board members in attendance: Chairman Stubbings, Selectman Donald Mitchell, Selectman Randy Subjeck.

Members of the Public also in attendance: Frank Rodimon, Sandi Pierce, Wayne Godfrey, Bernie Marvin, Travis Daly, Brett Hillman, Scott Hall, Ken Damarais, Brooke Brown, Thomas Giles, Kelly Sackheim

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stubbings at 7:05pm. He stated the meeting was being recorded solely for the purpose of accurate minutes, and that others in the room may also be recording but have not declared the fact.

Bernie Marvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Forestry Division Presentation; Brooke Brown (District Ranger of White Mountain National Forest West) talked about projects they are pre-scoping on the Tarleton Parcel that was acquired in the late 90's, looking to do projects out there. Rangers have ideas however are reaching out to the community to explore opportunities. In 2005 a forestry management plan was done. Maps that are circulating show area that they are looking to do projects. There are certain phases that will need to be done. Scott Hall; (Project NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) Coordinator), passed out a time line of events. Any work done on federal property needs to follow a NEPA. Scott spoke about ideas that the community can come up with. He spoke about time line. NEPA is hopeful to start this winter. Community will be kept well informed of every step in the process as well as comment. Brett Hillman; (Wildlife Biologist), spoke about keeping wildlife habitats going. There is less forest that has soft wood trees. Create young forests due to natural disturbances. They also try to conserve dead trees, apple trees and all native species. They have a list of endangered species; they do their best to help conserve habitats. Loons, Osprey and a few species of bat that are in the forest that they will need support for habitats. They will do best to not disrupt habitats and/or they may need to support habitats. Brett wants to restore the nature forest. Decommission abandoned roads out in the forest. He will be relying on the public to assist him with coming up with ideas. Ken Desmarais; (Forester), spoke about why the need to projects now. Stated White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) needs to be thinned to allow healthy trees to grow and flourish. Also helps wildlife populations. Timber that is harvested is sold back to community. Provides revenue to local industries as well. Revenues towns can see from management plan; to include Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), 25% Fund;(Secure Rural Schools Act), State Tax; (Timber Tax). Selectman Subjeck had questions about revenue, which were answered. Also questioned wildfires and brush clearing? In New Hampshire it is a different climate where as in California it is dry and after brush fires and clearing there needs to be replanting done. That is not the case in New Hampshire. Brooke Brown stated that there is a fire crew that is studying fire dangers. There was discussion about the various differences in trees in comparison to New Hampshire and California trees. Thomas Giles; (Recreation), spoke about managed recreation. Forest is large enough that most is unmanaged. Tom spoke about ATV's and UTV's not being allowed in the WMNF. They may consider barricades. Area of focus may be back side of Lake Tarleton. There appears to be campsites set up. They are having environmental impact on the lake. May be redesigned. Appalachian Trail passes through. One area that seems to be of interest is snowmobiling.

There used to be a club at Lake Tarleton however has been debunked. There is a trail that runs along Charleston Rd. Access is questionable as it dumps out onto Rt25C. Very interested in the rights to Charlestown Rd from the Town. Is there possibility for changes? Rangers would like to partner with the Town to figure out best way to use it. Trail maintenance is done by clubs not the WMNF Rangers. Frank Rodimon asked about the Town having rights to Charleston Rd. Tom stated it was written into the deed the Town reserves rights to Charlestown Rd. More conversations to be had at a later date about Charlestown Rd. Brooke Brown spoke about an open house to be held later this fall to continue the discussion of projects, get ideas and thoughts from the public. Chairman Stubbings asked Sandi to display maps at the Town office. Sandi will have the maps laminated. Brooke will reach out once the open house is scheduled.

Bernie Marvin; Commented on presentation from Forestry Division; great stuff. Until Help Arrives course was held at Kingswood Camp, to promote on scene assistance for any event in town. Fourth appearance, another is scheduled for end of September. EOP plans are in. Selectboard has copy. Chairman Stubbings suggested scanning it into website. Sandi will take care of. Chairman Stubbings spoke about suicide, QPR program. Bernie will look into programs available. Bernie to report back once Chairman Stubbings gets the information to Bernie. Hazard Mitigation is in review. Plan was created two years ago. Needs review every two years.

Frank Rodimon; Frank spoke about giving up on renting mowers. Company normally uses is going out of business. Limlaw has been hired in place of renting mowers. He has done most local towns and done a great job. Frank budgeted \$5000.00 for mowing however should come out to be around \$6000.00. Will be a cost savings as Frank will be free to do other projects, for example started cold patching today. Frank took the one-ton to Lancaster for a steering issue. Power steering pump has been ordered. Frank will take the truck back on September 5th for replacement. They tell him it's a two hour job and under warranty. Also two recall items were taken care of on truck. Frank is looking for a roller to be able to do some shimming on Indian Pond Rd and Lily Pond Rd. Chairman Stubbings asked for clarification as to rent or purchase? Frank clarified rent, only need for a few days. Lightning strike about a week ago tripped out the generator again. Will Prestley will be sending in a letter as in his opinion the surges are coming from two different directions. May cure problem if we move the entrance wire on Old Church Building and place it on the school transformer. Will Prestley will send a letter in explaining in more detail. Chairman Stubbings asked about letter from Powers Generators. Frank stated he does all the maintenance work. Chairman Stubbings asked Sandi to draft a letter to Powers thanking them for the offer however no need at this time. Frank Spoke about Mrs. Fowler concerns about some logging going on Cole Hill on Bean Brook Rd. They want to create a landing about half way up. Ronnie Taylor wants to place oak matting on the road. Barbara Fowler feels the Town should pay for it, or at least part of it. Only reason for oak mats is she wants to log up there. Bridge seems to be fine; there is a three ton load limit. Barbara had requested to be on the agenda however she withdrew her request.

Wayne Godfrey; Nothing new to report.

Travis Daly; Bruce and Travis flushed the tank few weeks back. Everything seems to be fine. Nothing new to report.

Sandi Pierce; All seems to be well; Monthly numbers are available. Department heads have been given year to date numbers for review. Last Friday BMSI Training went well. MS-1 has been completed and is in packet for signatures. Town office is without internet. Town Clerk was unable to process any

registrations, there was a problem with provider. All Access to be going to Police Department for a closer review of equipment.

MS-1; Motion to accept MS-1 made by Selectman Subjeck. 2nd by Selectman Mitchell. All in favor. 3-0. Motion passed. Signed by board members. Chairman Stubbings asked Sandi to copy to all board members.

Supervisors of Checklist; Procedures from Gary not sent to all board members. Chairman Stubbings gave copies to other board members for review and will table until next meeting.

Correspondence; Northeast Recycling Recovery Association; Chairman Stubbings read letter aloud. Piermont Transfer Station was awarded New Hampshire the Beautiful Grant in the amount of \$3647.00. Kelly Sackhiem email; Chairman Stubbings read email aloud. Selectman Subjeck asked Kelly if all funds due Piermont and due customers have been paid. Kelly stated yes all funds due have been paid. Selectman Subjeck asked Travis about a statement made in minutes in a meeting he was not able to attend. Travis clarified he was asked to ask the question. Kelly discussed her lack of customers generating demand having sold to Travis.

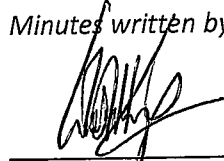
Public Input; Jim French spoke about logging operations in Town. His concern is ruts down the hill on Indian Pond Rd. He feels these large logging operations are only here to make money and he feels they are destroying roads. He also feels the logging operations are being crudely done. He would like the Forester to take a look. Feels the look is not professional, not protecting the sediment. He would like it checked into further. He also feels roads need to be checked by Frank before logging operations start so we know the condition of roads before and after. Mr. French has offered to help if need be. Chairman Stubbings to contact Rick Evans to ensure logging operations are going according to working practices.

Minutes; None at this time.

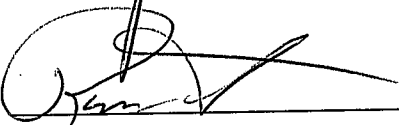
An Adjournment Motion was made by Selectman Subjeck. 2nd by Selectman Mitchell. All in favor. 3-0. Motion passed.

Adjourned 8:37pm

Minutes written by Sandi Pierce



Colin Stubbings, Chairman



Randy Subjeck, Selectman