

Minutes  
Board of Selectmen Meeting – Work Session  
August 23, 2018

Board of Selectmen members present: Chairman Colin Stubbings, Randy Subject, Donald Mitchell

Members of the public present: Wayne Godfrey, Frank Rodimon, Diane Stelzner

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and stated the meeting is being recorded solely for the purpose of accurate minutes and that others in the room may be recording but have not declared that fact. He added that this is a work session and input from the public is not allowed unless agreed upon by the majority of the Board.

Selectman Subject led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item Chairman Stubbings addressed was Lily Pond Road. The Board of Selectmen had received a letter from Haverhill Town Manager Jo Lacaillade asking the Board if they would consider permanently posting signage for a 6 ton weight limit and no through trucks on the Piermont end of Lily Pond Road. Haverhill's argument for wanting the road posted is to reduce damage being caused by large trucks and increase the lifespan of the road. Road Agent Frank Rodimon said he disagrees with posting the Piermont end of the road. He cited an example of trucks hauling materials from Chief Bogie's place to Cape Moonshine. He noted there would be a lot of people affected by this posting. Selectman Subject asked Frank if he knew about the backstory to this issue. Frank answered that there have been issues with Lily Pond Road from the start. Chairman Stubbings asked if the reason for Haverhill wanting the road to be posted was due to the road not being in good shape. Frank said the big hill on that road is the problem. It's an area of clay and there is a lot of truck traffic. He went on to say eventually with that much traffic you would get ruts in the road. Selectman Subject asked if there have been complaints about the Piermont end of the road. Frank said no. He also added that delivery trucks use it a lot. Selectman Mitchell said he opposes posting the road as well. He added that he understands the problem, but we can't just close roads because we don't want to work on them. Selectman Subject said he agreed. Chairman Stubbings said he would extend an invitation to Town Manager Lacaillade to come to the August 28, 2018 Board of Selectmen meeting and ask her to explain Haverhill's reasons for wanting to post the road. Frank and the rest of the members of the Board agreed this was fine.

Frank went on to inform the Board that he now has the mower, even though he thought he wouldn't have it until October. He said he took some passes on the bank and asked the Board if they wanted him to mow down the slope behind the Town Offices. The Board said yes, as long as it wasn't a safety issue. He also told the Board that he received a text saying the new truck is in. He has been in contact with Jon Hobbs at Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, who told him the interest rate would be 4% on a 5 year loan.

Chairman Stubbings asked Frank if he has received a copy of the bridges letter from the State of NH Department of Transportation and if we are in compliance with it. Frank said yes, he does have a copy and yes we are in compliance. There is already signage on the areas they requested.

The next item Chairman Stubbings addressed is abatements. There were some sewer issues discussed at a previous Selectmen's meeting about the Hogan residence. At that meeting they had come to an agreement to rectify the changes and cost. The agreement was to cut the O&M by half. There was an error made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> bill of 2017 and it was overlooked on the 1<sup>st</sup> bill of 2018. Chairman Stubbings said he was putting forward this abatement to correct the issue. The abatement was for \$181.09 plus interest which leaves a balance due of \$41.14.

Selectman Subject made a motion to accept the abatement as agreed upon.

Selectman Mitchell seconded.

All in favor, 3-0

Motion passed.

Next, Chairman Stubbings said the Town has received an Intent to Cut from Walter Donovan for Tax Map U02 Lot 0003 to be logged by Alfred "Lucky" Thurston. The intent was for 150 MBF of White Pine, 100 ton of hardwood and Aspen, and 300 ton of Pine.

Chairman Stubbings said there was no reason to reject it and that Mr. Donovan's taxes are current.

Motion to accept: Selectman Subject

Seconded: Selectman Mitchell

All in favor, 3-0

Motion passed

Chairman Stubbings went over the application for reimbursement for state land. He said the Town had received a partially completed form from the Department of Revenue Administration. He noted this is where the Payment In Lieu of Taxes comes from. He said Avitar had completed the form and now it needs to be sent to the DRA.

Motion to accept: Selectman Subject

Seconded: Selectman Mitchell

All in favor, 3-0

Motion passed.

The next item was the Individual Septic Design System Operational Approval. Chairman Stubbings said the Town has received quite a few of these recently. The one for Steven Ward's residence on 43 River Road was approved to be operational on 8/17 and the one for Camden & Melanie Elliott on 347 Route 25C was approved to be operational on 8/20.

Chairman Stubbings said that Johnna had attended Avitar training on Wednesday, and she brought back a letter from Mark Stetson. The letter is for the Land Use Change Tax on Map R18 Lot 8-A for the Simpson's. Avitar's recommendation was that there is now an additional 7.4 acres that is no longer in current use. He assessed it as back land and said it was valued at \$7400.00 so the Land Use Change Tax should be \$740.00. The letter went on to say there was an attached form to fill out and to forward on to the Tax Collector.

Motion to approve Avitar's recommendation: Selectman Subject

Seconded: Selectman Mitchell

All in favor, 3-0

Motion passed.

At this time Chairman Stubbings brought up the financial reports. Wayne Godfrey said some of his department items were still incorrect. Chairman Stubbings said he would tell Johnna which items still need to be corrected. He went on to say he is still working on the 2015 Management Letter and it's almost completed. He will try to have it completed by the next meeting for discussion.

Chairman Stubbings and the other members of the Board went on to review the July figures. Selectman Subject questioned the amount for background checks. He said it just didn't seem right. Chairman Stubbings was reviewing the revenues report and said the current year taxes needed to be separated because a lot of that figure is the 2017 taxes. He also mentioned that the Timber Taxes are not showing on this report, nor was the Warrant Article for what was budgeted for the 4199 account. He said he would bring these items to Johnna's attention to get them corrected for the next financial reports. There was no further discussion.

Chairman Stubbings said that the MS-535 is due and Matt Angell had produced some figures that he emailed. The Board reviewed and discussed his figures.

At this time Selectman Subjeck questioned what the status was of the Ladd property on Church Street. He said he would email Laura at Mitchell Associates to find out.

The Board went on to review and make changes to the minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of 8/14 with changes: Selectman Subjeck

Seconded: Selectman Mitchell

All in favor, 3-0

Motion passed.

Chairman Stubbings asked if there was a requirement for non-public. The other members of the Board said no.

Chairman Stubbings asked if there were any other topics to discuss. The other members of the Board said no.

Motion to adjourn: Selectman Subjeck

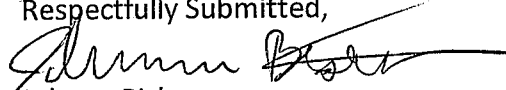
Seconded: Selectman Mitchell

All in favor, 3-0

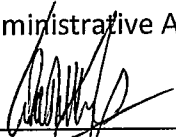
Motion passed.


Adjournment at 8:15pm.

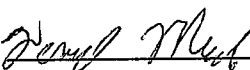
Respectfully Submitted,

  
Johnna Bishop

Administrative Assistant

  
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