

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – December 14, 2009

Present: John J. Strasser, Richard Bielefield
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Nick DeMayo, Tommy Brigman, Frank Grima, Bob Tortorice

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Town Offices will be closed on Thursday December 24th, 2009.

FRANK GRIMA AND BOB TORTORICE of the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce met with the Selectmen to thank them for the Town support and to update the board on Chamber activities. The Chamber has been working on a strategic plan to increase membership and the memberships have increased from 63 to 140. The Chamber has been successful working with both the Littleton and Lincoln area chambers in selling not just the area but the region. Grant monies have been received from the State to be used toward the marketing budget. They would like to keep the doors of communication open with the municipalities and offer their help. The chamber will be asking for level funding for the 2010 budget.

MR. DE MAYO asked if the budget was going to be discussed and was advised that the budgets were due from the department heads today but would not be discussed until a later meeting when all figures are available. The current information is working copy only. The 2010 budget hearing will be in February.

MR. DE MAYO asked to have Lloyd Card added to those interested in participating on the Veterans' Memorial Committee.

MR. STRASSER and MS. CONNORS reviewed the setbacks on the Albanese property on Streeter Pond Drive and will discuss with the full board having a wetland specialist identify the pond boundary.

BARBARA SERAFINI met with the board to follow up on their concern in regard to an additional subdivision of Map 219, Lot 57. The board wants to make sure that the hotel and property will meet the requirements as set forth in the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance. There is a question if an additional property with identical ownership can qualify for the additional acreage required. The deed of the hotel would require language that if sold in the future could only be used as a single family residence. The information will be forwarded to Attorney Waugh for his advice.

MS. SERAFINI felt that the Selectmen should not discourage anyone from using the Meetinghouse during the winter months. She feels that the building is there to be used by the residents. The Selectmen had previously questioned if the North Country Chamber Players would consider moving the venue for the February concert. This would allow the building to be closed from December 18th until Town Meeting. The Willing Workers

have made a decision to not use the building in January and February to assist the Town with saving on fuel consumption.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to accept the minutes of November 30, 2009, seconded by MR. BIELFEILD. The motion was approved unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. STRASSER made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, December 21 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30 PM with appointments scheduled at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
Administrative Assistant