

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING – July 20, 2009

Present: Richard Bielefield, John J. Strasser  
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Nick DeMayo, Spencer Tewksbury, Pamela Blake, Chief Wentworth, Alex Albanese

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Selectmen received a thank you letter from the Lafayette Lions Club for the donation to the Old Home Day celebration.

The Selectmen reviewed an amended septic plan for Leslie Burton Map 222, Lot 1.06.

The Selectmen received a donation from the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$100.00 for using the buildings during Lupine Festival.

The Selectmen received draft copies of the North Country Council Regional Transportation Plan and the Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan for NH North Country. The meeting to discuss will be held on August 12, 6:00PM at the Red Barn the Rocks Estate.

The Selectmen reviewed a request from the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust in regard to property located on Map 223, Lot 4. The Selectmen are not aware of any problems concerning solid or hazardous waste which are on the property or which might impact it.

CHIEF WENTWORTH met with the Selectmen to update them on Police Department business. Chief Wentworth wanted the board to know that all is going well with new Officers Ball and MacKay. The Tahoe needed to have the drive shaft repaired and that work was completed by Brett Hucksohl of the highway department. The mileage on the vehicle is 88,000 and will be replaced next year. Chief Wentworth is looking into the State Bid process. Chief Wentworth wanted to be included in the Junkyard Licensing process and a meeting was set up for Jennifer, John Strasser and Chief Wentworth on Thursday at 1:00PM.

The Selectmen then opened the floor for public comment:

MR. DE MAYO questioned the Chief on the report of breaking and entering in the Littleton area and was there any concern in Sugar Hill. Chief Wentworth reported that there has been one break in and that it involved taking liquor and no damages were reported.

PAMELA BLAKE submitted to the Board information she received from the Town of Lisbon in regard to Map 202, Lot 3 owned by Alex Albanese dba Moose Realty. There is concern in regard to cutting that happened on the lot and the mess left. The State Forester Steve Sherman was contacted and 2 misdemeanor summons' have been issued. As abutters MR. TEWKSBURY and MS. BLAKE were concerned with the condition the lot was left in by Ms Albanese.

ALEX AARON ALBANESE met with the Selectmen to request an extension of a building permit issued on December 27, 2007 for Map 202, Lot 12. The Selectmen explained that the permit was not exercised within the one year time frame and had expired. Ms. Albanese felt that she had begun operations by clearing the lot, getting her septic plan and by getting her financing started.

Ms. Albanese stated that the hold up was because of financing and that she was working with four different banks. Ms. Albanese felt that getting her bank financing is part of the operations of the building permit. There was discussion on what constituted the permit being exercised and operations begun. The Selectmen explained that what Ms. Albanese had done i.e. the lot cutting, septic plan, and driveway permit can all be done without a building permit. The Selectmen stated that the actually building of the house i.e. the pouring of concrete would be when the permit is exercised and operation begun. Ms. Albanese felt the board should extend her permit as she has built two other homes in Sugar Hill and was a regular tax payer and that she had started the project within the time limit. Ms. Albanese also stated that by holding up the permit the Town was keeping local contractors from working and being paid. The board also noted that the property was now owned by Moose Realty and not Michael & Alex Albanese as the original permit shows. The DES has been contacted but no return call has been made as of this evening. The board gave a blank building permit application to Ms. Albanese to complete with the new property owner name. The Selectmen stated that they would not act on the permit until such time as the DES confirms that necessary permits are in place. Ms. Albanese asked if she could pour concrete tomorrow and Mr. Strasser explained that no construction can begin until such time as a valid building permit is issued.

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NICK DE MAYO questioned if property abutters would have a say in the ongoing permit process for the Albanese/Moose Realty property. He was told that this was not a situation where the abutters would be notified and that the property owner must file the required information for a valid building permit to be issued. Regardless of abutters issues with the property owner the permit process goes through the Selectmen's Office.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of July 13, 2009, seconded by MR. STRASSER. 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, July 27, 2009 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30 PM with appointments scheduled at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette  
Administrative Assistant